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FOREWORD

Dear readers,

Here is the most important information about the activities of the Parliament of Montenegro in the period from 1 to 30 June, in the form of monthly bulletin, "Open Parliament," which is prepared by the Center for Democratic Transition (CDT) in cooperation with the Administration of the Parliament of Montenegro.

Intensive legislative activity of the Parliament also marked the previous month. The Parliament adopted 29 laws, while parliamentary committees deliberated 18 law proposals in the month of June. Through exercising its oversight function, parliamentary committees discussed the privatization of the company Arselnal Tivat, Annual Report on the Work of Courts in Montenegro for 2010, as well as the activities of the Institution for Enforcement of Criminal Sanctions (IECS) related to the findings of the Analytical Report and Opinion of the European Commission and Recommendations of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro. In addition, the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare held a meeting in the Public Institution Centre for Accommodation, Rehabilitation and Resettlement of Users of Psychoactive Substances - Kakarcka gora, while members of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms visited the Konik camp where they discussed the status of displaced persons.

In June, the Second Meeting of the Working Group of the Parliamentary Dimension of South East Europe Cooperation Process (SEECF) was organized within the Montenegrin presidency over the SEECF regional initiative. Also, the Collegium of the President of the Parliament of Montenegro adopted the second Quarterly Report on the Implementation of the Action Plan for Strengthening the Legislative and Oversight Role of the Parliament of Montenegro for the period from 1 March to 1 June 2011.

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We wish you the best until the next edition, and in order to make this bulletin even better and more interesting, we remain open for your opinions, critiques and suggestions.

*Respectfully,
Dragan Koprivica
CDT Executive Director*



LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

During the month of June, the Parliament adopted 29 laws.

At the Seventh Sitting of the First Regular Session in 2011, the following laws were adopted:

The Law Amending the Law on Agricultural Land, Law Amending the Law on Waters, Law Amending the Law on Electronic Communications, Law Amending the Law on Accounting and Auditing, Law Amending the Law on Cadastre Real Estate, Law Amending the Criminal Code, Law Amending the Law on the Enforcement of Criminal Sanctions, Law Amending the Law on Administrative Procedure, Law Amending the Law on Limiting the Use of Tobacco Products, Law Amending the Law on General Administrative Procedure, Law Amending the Law on Protection and Rescue, Law Amending the Law on Foreigners, Law Amending the Law on Employment and Labour of Foreigners, Law on Ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, Law On Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters, Law On Ratification of the International Convention on Civil Liability for Pollution Damage Caused by Driving Oil in 2001, Law On Ratification of the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement concerning



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the International Registration of Industrial Designs, Law On Ratification of the Vienna Agreement Establishing an International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Trademarks, Law on Ratification of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-Level Ozone to the Convention on Transboundary Air Pollution over Long Distances from 1979, Law On Ratification of the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants to the Convention on Transboundary Air Pollution over Long Distances in 1979, Law on Ratification of the Protocol on Heavy Metals to the Convention on Transboundary Air Pollution over Long Distances in 1979.

At the Ninth Sitting of the First Regular Session in 2011, the following laws were adopted:

The Law On Ratification of the Amendment 6 to the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews on Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport, Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Border Crossings for International Traffic between the Government of Montenegro and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and

Herzegovina, Law On Ratification of the Agreement on Border Crossings for Border Traffic between the Government of Montenegro and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Law On Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia on Cooperation in the Protection of Natural and other Disasters, Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Kingdom of Belgium on Police Cooperation, Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Macedonia on Social Security with Administrative Agreement for the Implementation of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Macedonia on Social Insurance, Law On Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Swiss Confederation on Social Security with the Administrative Agreement for the Implementation of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Swiss Confederation on Social Security, Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and Ireland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Tax Evasion on Income.

Law proposals deliberated before the committees:

- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Criminal Code** discussed and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia on Cooperation in the Protection of Natural and other Disasters** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adop-



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tion by the leading Committee on International Relations and European Integration.

- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Macedonia on Social Security with Administrative Agreement for the Implementation of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Macedonia on Social Insurance** discussed and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the leading Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Swiss Confederation on Social Security with the Administrative Agreement between Montenegro and the Swiss Confederation on Social Security** discussed and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the leading Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Kingdom of Belgium on Police Cooperation** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the leading Committee on International Relations and European Integration and Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and Ireland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Tax Evasion on Income** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the leading Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Roads** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration and Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on State Survey and Cadastre** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Accounting and Auditing** considered and submitted

to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.

- **Proposal for a Law on the Status of Descendants of the Dynasty Petrović Njegoš** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the leading Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration. Also, the Committee on Economics, Finance and Budget deliberated the law from the standpoint of fiscal impact on state budget and concluded that the funds planned are realistically determined.
- **Proposal for a Law on Copyright and Related Rights** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the leading Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Budget Law** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Business Organizations** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law on Prevention of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities supported by the Committee on Gender Equality.** The Committee proposed to the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, as the leading committee, to propose the Proposal for the Law on Prevention of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities to the Parliament for adoption.
- **Proposal for a Law on Market Inspection** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **The Proposal for a Law on Sport** considered submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for the Law on Digital Broadcasting** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee for Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.



OVERSIGHT ACTIVITY



- Commission for Monitoring and Control of Privatization Procedure organized, within its ninth sitting, a control hearing concerning the privatization of the Tivat Arsenal Company. Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Policy and Financial System Vujica Lazović and Defense Minister Boro Vučinić answered questions posed by MPs. President of the Tivat Municipality Miodrag Kankaraš took part in the work of the sitting. It was generally assessed that the privatization process was conducted in a transparent manner, and that the privatization has had a positive multiplier effect for Tivat, Montenegro. Members of the Commission, however, agreed that the final conclusions on this matter should be adopted subsequently, when they obtain additional information in writing from representatives of the Government.



- After the control hearing, the Commission made conclusions concerning the privatization of the Brickyard "Rudeš" from Berane, whose consideration was postponed earlier due to further examination of additional documentation. It was concluded that this privatization was not successful.
- Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration in the presence of the President of the Supreme Court and the Judicial Council Vesna Medenica considered and supported the Annual Report on the Work of Courts in Montenegro in 2010 by a majority vote.
- Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms held a control hearing of the Director of the Institute for Enforcement of Criminal Sanctions, Milan Radović. The topic of the control hearing referred to the "Activities of IECS in relation to the findings from the Analytical Report and the Opinion of the European Commission and the Recommendations of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms in Montenegro contained in the Final Opinion no. 84/10 of 29 March 2010". Based on the Director's responses and the Information on the activities of IECS related to the Analytical Re-

port of the European Commission and Recommendations of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms contained in the Final Opinion, which was submitted earlier to the Committee by the Director, according to Article 68 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament, at the request of the Committee, the Committee concluded that the activities that have been taken in past period to reform the prison system significantly improved the situation in the IECS.

After the control hearing, the Committee unanimously decided, in accordance with Article 77, paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament, to submit to the Parliament a Report and to propose an appropriate Conclusion on the control hearing.

- Members of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration after they talked with Ramo Bralić a nominee for ambassador of Montenegro to the Republic of Azerbaijan on a non-residential basis with headquarters in Ankara they gave a positive opinion to recommend him for the said post based on his professional skills and working experience.
- Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Environment and Spatial Planning reviewed the Information on Natural Disaster in the form of a hailstorm that hit the areas of the city municipalities Golubovci and Tuzi on 9 June 2011.

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Tarzan Milošević attended the sitting and submitted to the Committee detailed Information on the damage assessment and the activities that the Ministry and other authorities have taken to mitigate the consequences of this natural disaster.

The Committee concluded that all necessary measures and activities were taken and that, in accordance with real possibilities, based on assessments of the commissions that visited the affected areas, farmers will be compensated for the damage caused by the disaster.

- Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare of the Parliament of Montenegro held a meeting in the public institution "Center for Accommodation, Rehabilitation and Resettlement of Users of psychoactive substances - Kakaricka gora", in Podgorica. Members of the expert team of the Public institution for accommodation, rehabilitation and resettlement of users of psychoactive substances introduced members of the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare of Montenegro's Parliament with the Information on the number of clients, their socio-economic and demographic structure, beneficiaries' vocational rehabilitation and social reintegration programmes as well as with the programme "12 steps".



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NEWS FROM PARLIAMENT



Members of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms visited the Konik Camp

The Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms organized a meeting of members of the Committee, Dr Budimir Aleksić, Dr Halil Duković, Koča Pavlović and Snežana Jonica with the representatives from relevant state bodies, local authorities and international organizations, to provide for the exchange of opinions among and present the most recent data on the implementation of the ongoing activities of the Government addressing the durable solution of the issue of internally displaced persons living in the Konik Camp I and II.



Representatives of state authorities stated at the meeting that Montenegro, in accordance with its possibilities, has conducted out all the activities aimed at resolving the status of refugees and internally displaced persons. It was reiterated that the Committee members wanted to know whether there is precise data on internally displaced persons who do not possess documents necessary to regulate their new status, persons who are not registered in the birth registry books and persons who do not have the status of internally displaced persons, and representatives of the ministries presented the most recent data. In addition, they announced the data on the number of persons wishing to return to their countries of origin.

The development of the final electronic database is underway; the database will be submitted to the UNHCR and the Law Centre, pursuant to the Agreement on Cooperation between the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare and UNHCR.

After the meeting, participants visited the Konik camp to better understand the lifestyle and problems faced by persons living in the Konik Camp I and II.

Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare held a Thematic Meeting in the Public Institution "Centre for Accommodation, Rehabilitation and Resettlement of Users of Psychoactive Substances - Kakaricka Gora"

Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare of the Montenegrin Parliament held a meeting in the public institution "Centre for Accommodation, Rehabilitation and Resettlement of Users of Psychoactive Substances - Kakaritska gora", in Podgorica.

In addition to the committee members, the meeting was attended by the following persons: Minister of Labour and Social Welfare Dr Suad Numanović, Deputy Minister of Health Gorica Savović, Mayor of the Capital of Podgorica Miomir Mugoša, Chief Administrator of the Capital Željko Vuković, Acting Director of the Public Institution Aleksandar Radinović, Head of the Drug Department within the Ministry of Health Jasna Sekulić, a team of experts in the Public Institution comprising of Ljubinko Kaluđerović, Borislav Mitrić and a lawyer in the Public Institution Tinka Vukotić.

Members of the expert team of the Public Institution for Accommodation, Rehabilitation and Resettle-

ment of Users of Psychoactive Substances introduced the members of the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare with the information on the number of beneficiaries, their socio-economic and demographic structure, beneficiaries' vocational rehabilitation and social reintegration programmes as well as with the programme "12 steps".



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IN FOCUS



Round table on "Conflict of Interest"

The Parliament of Montenegro organized a round table discussion on "Conflict of Interest" on 10 June.

The Parliament of Montenegro held the a round table discussion on "Conflict of Interest," which is one of the activities envisaged by the Action Plan for strengthening the legislative and oversight role of the Parliament of Montenegro, adopted in December 2010.

The round table focused on the topic of conflict of interests related to the rights and obligations of members of parliament, with special emphasis on the incompatibility of an MP's function with other functions. The purpose of the roundtable was the exchange opinions in this area, to provide a contribution to a better understanding of conflict of interest and potential improvement of the legislative framework in this area.

The President of the Montenegrin Parliament Ranko Krivokapić opened the roundtable, while a keynote address was given by the representative of the EU Delegation in Montenegro Clive Rumbold.

During the working part of the round table entitled

"Legal Framework and Best Practices in the area of Conflict of Interest, with a Special Reference to Conflict of Interest of Members of Parliament" the speakers were as follows: Deputy Minister of Interior and Public Administration Vladimir Vukotić, Chairperson of the Commission for Prevention of Conflict of Interest Slobodan Leković, Director of the Anti-Corruption Initiative Vesna Ratković, and SIGMA expert Francisco Cardona and Head of Department for Combating Corruption in the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Croatia Davor Dubravica.

Heads of party caucuses, representatives of the Montenegrin Government, NGO sector and international experts in this area also attended the roundtable.

The participants in the round table assessed that MPs should not sit in Managing Boards of state owned companies, and that an MP function should be performed professionally. According to their assessment, it would contribute to the prevention of conflict of interests but also increased the expertise of the Parliament.



PARLIAMENTARY GLOSSARY

OPPOSITION¹. The opposition consists of various forms of opposition to the politics of the ruling political parties by political parties that are not in power; and that, based on an alternative political programme, tend to struggle to win votes in order to gain power and exercise the power as long as they enjoy the support of the electorate. As the central area of opposition activity takes place in parliament, political opposition is also called parliamentary opposition.

¹ Source: Encyclopedia of Political Culture, Savremena administracija, Beograd, 1993.



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FROM THE ARCHIVES: HISTORY OF MONTENEGRIN PARLIAMENTARISM



70 Years of Women's Suffrage in Montenegro

"... In the 13 July uprising, the programme of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia concerning the women equality began to be implemented in practice, not only in terms of duties, but also rights. Thus, women started participating in the selection of the insurgent people's government organs. Among the delegates of the assembly for the election of the Committee of National Liberation in Berane, as of 21 July 1941 there were two women: teachers Hristina Nedić and Milena Kastratović. This is the first time in Montenegro that

women took part in the election of governing authorities. Already the following day, a temporary supreme command issued directions according to which "the right to elect and be elected belongs to all citizens who are 18, men and women, regardless of religion, ethnicity and race."

*J. R. Bojović, R. Jovanović, Z. Lakić, R. Pajović, S. Stanišić,
Women of the Revolutionary Movement in Montenegro
1918-1945, Titograd 1969, 127*

FROM THE PARLIAMENT'S GALLERIES

Velimir-Veliša Leković: "Landscape" Pastel on paper, 42 x 60 cm

60's of the 20th century on the Montenegrin art scene, in the art collection of the Parliament of Montenegro, are also represented in the works of Velimir Leković, i.e. two pastel paintings: "Without Title" and "Landscape".



The complete paintings by Leković, with the exception of few surviving oil paintings from the prewar period, represent a stylistically and thematically consistent cycle. Cézanne's approach is visible in his paintings of the prewar period followed by the themes of socialist realism. Until the 50s of the past century, he painted in oils, watercolors and drawings, mostly in the camp, and since then he focusses on pastel and landscape painting. Lekovic's landscapes from the late seventh decade represent the peak of his logical career progression. He was engaged in educational work.



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CALENDAR



1 June

- Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe talked with the rapporteurs of the Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe Jean-Charles Gardetto and Serhy Holovaty on the fulfilment of obligations Montenegro assumed with its membership in the Council of Europe.

3 June

- Members of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms visited the Konik Camp.

6 June

- President of the Montenegrin Parliament Ranko Krivokapić paid a two-day official visit to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland at the invitation of the both Houses of the Parliament of the United Kingdom. In London, President Krivokapić also met with the President of the House of Lords of the Parliament of Great Britain, Baroness Valerie Helene Haymen and President of the Lower House of the Parliament of Great Britain John Bercow.



- Vice-President of the Parliament of Montenegro Rifat Rastoder received students of the Law Faculty and Political Science Faculty, members of the International European Public Law Organization - EPLO.

7 June

- Committee on Gender Equality of the Parliament of Montenegro received the Director of the Department for Women in the Washington Office of Public Policy Susie M. Johnson. It was concluded that the meeting was very useful and that cooperation should be continued.

8 June

- Chairman of the Committee on Political System, Administration and Judiciary Ervin Spahić and Deputy Chair of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms Budimir Aleksić talked to the expert of the European Commission - Services for Public Broadcasters Sandra Bašić Hrvatin.

10 June

- First meeting of Heads of parliamentary delegations and Foreign Ministers of the extended three-member Central European Initiative - Montenegro, Serbia, Ukraine and Italy. The meeting was held in Trieste, organized by the CEI Secretariat, under the Chairmanship of the Republic of Serbia over the Central European Initiative.
- President of the Montenegrin Parliament Ranko Krivokapić opened the round table discussion on "Conflict of Interest".

11 June

- President of the Montenegrin Parliament Ranko Krivokapić congratulated the President of the Croatian Parliament Luka Bebić on the occasion of a successful closure of Republic of Croatia's European Union accession negotiations.

12 June

- Members of the Committee on Economics, Finance and Budget and Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Environment and Spatial Planning of the Montenegrin Parliament participated in the seminar "Public Dialogue on Energy Efficiency in Montenegro," which was held on 10th and 11 June at "Tara" hotel in Bečići, organized by the School of Democratic Leadership (SDR) and the German Organization for International Cooperation (GIZ).



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CALENDAR



13 June

- The second meeting of the Working Group of the Parliamentary Dimension of the South Eastern Europe Cooperation Process (SEECP) organized within the Montenegrin Presidency of the SEECP regional initiative. The meeting was held in the Parliament.
- President of the Montenegrin Parliament Ranko Krivokapić received the Ambassador of the Russian Federation in Montenegro Andrei Nesterenko. The interlocutors exchanged views on current international and regional issues and bilateral relations between the two countries.
- President of the Montenegrin Parliament Ranko Krivokapić received in Podgorica President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly Karl Lammers. Mr. Lammers expressed interest in the process of the Euro-Atlantic integration, international and regional cooperation, and the most current developments in the political arena. During the meeting, the President of the Parliament stressed Montenegro's commitment to the EU and NATO integration, noting that these processes are on the top of its foreign policy priorities.
- Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), consisting of: Head of the Delegation Valentina Radulović-Šćepanović, a permanent member of the PACE Obrad Gojković, and a designated proxy Zoran Vukčević met with the Ambassador of Ukraine Oksana Sljusarenko.
- Head of the Permanent Parliamentary Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro in the NATO Parliamentary Assembly Dragan Đurović met with President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly Karl Lammers.

14 June

- President of the Montenegrin Parliament Ranko Krivokapić opened IX Conference of Presidents of Parliaments of South East Europe Cooperation Process (SEECP) in Bečići.
- The Collegium of President of the Parliament of Montenegro adopted the Second Quarterly Report on the Implementation of the Action Plan for Strengthening the Legislative and Oversight Role of the Parliament of Montenegro for the period from 1 March to 1 June 2011.

15 June

- Chairman of the Committee on Gender Equality Nada Drobnjak received the consultants of the OSCE Secretariat in Vienna, Franklin de Vrieze and Camilla Ilyumzhinova. The conversation focused on the analysis of the four-year program Capacity Building of the Parliament of Montenegro, in part related to the activities of the Committee on Gender Equality.

16 June

- Vice-President of the Parliament of Montenegro Rifat Rastoder, along with members of the parliamentary friendship group with the Parliament of the Republic of Croatia, received the delegation of the Primorsko-goranska County headed by the prefect Zlatko Komadina. It was noted that relations between the two countries had been further improved and they expressed confidence that good communication and cooperation in areas of mutual interest will be continued.



17 June

- Vice-President of the Parliament of Montenegro Rifat Rastoder received the delegation of the Department for Project Review of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Franklin De Vrieze and Camilla Ilyumzhinova. They discussed the following issues: the effects of projects implemented in the Parliament of Montenegro, organized under the auspices of the OSCE.



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CALENDAR



21 June

- President of the Montenegrin Parliament Ranko Krivokapić hosted a farewell visit for the Head of the UNICEF representation office in Montenegro Noala Skinner.
- President of the Montenegrin Parliament Ranko Krivokapić hosted a farewell visit for the UNDP Resident Representative and Resident Coordinator of the UN System in Montenegro Aleksandar Avanesov.
- Chairman of the Committee on Economics, Finance and Budget Aleksandar Damjanović, Deputy Chair Zarija Franović and Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro Damir Davidović met with the delegation of American students of Marshall Memorial who stayed in Montenegro. At the meeting they discussed about strengthening the oversight role and capacity building of Parliament, the rule of law and fulfilling the criteria for the EU membership, as well as improving the economic cooperation between the two countries.

23 June

- Representatives of the Department of Public Relations, International Affairs and Protocol of the Parliament of Montenegro participated in the First Regional Meeting of Parliamentary Staff Members of PR services, which took place in the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo.
- President of the Montenegrin Parliament Ranko Krivokapić received the delegation of EU Council's working group on the Western Balkan (COWEB), which consists of senior representatives of Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the EU member states in charge of the Western Balkans.



- President of the Montenegrin Parliament Ranko Krivokapić received a screenwriter Abdulah Sidran.

The interlocutors expressed their satisfaction on the occasion of shooting the film featuring the motifs of the text "For the First Time with Father in the Election," which will be filmed in Montenegro.

- Chairman of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration Miodrag Vuković and Deputy Chair of the Committee Vasilije Lalošević met with representatives of the Working Group of the Council of the European Union in charge of the Western Balkans, who stayed in an official visit to Montenegro.

24 June

- President of the Montenegrin Parliament Ranko Krivokapić received the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus Markos Kiprianu. They both agreed on the need to strengthen parliamentary cooperation, exchange visits of parliamentary delegations of two countries and proposed the establishment of inter-parliamentary friendship groups, which would intensify cooperation between the two parliaments at level of working contacts.
- President of the Montenegrin Parliament Ranko Krivokapić received the Mayor of the Royal Capital of Cetinje Aleksandar Bogdanović, President of the Senate of the Royal Capital of Cetinje Milovan Janković, and the Senate members Branko Vujović and Milutin Vukić. Several topics were discussed at the meeting, and the Mayor Bogdanović presented capital projects that will be initiated in the city centre in the upcoming period. He informed the President of the Parliament of the current economic situation in the Royal Capital, and of planned projects and investments.

29 June

- Members of the Committee on Gender Equality participated in a roundtable on "Women's Participation in Political and Public Life - Challenges and Opportunities". The roundtable was organized by the Committee on Gender Equality of the Parliament of Montenegro, Gender Equality Department of the Ministry of Human and Minority Rights and the OSCE Mission in Montenegro.
- Members of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of Parliament of Montenegro met with Deputy Prime Minister of Kosovo and Chief of Delegation for Technical Dialogue with Serbia Edita Tahiri.



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