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## FOREWORD

*Dear readers,*

We present to you the key information on activities of the Parliament of Montenegro in the period from 1 to 31 July, which is, in the form of monthly newsletter "Open Parliament", prepared by Parliamentary Service.

In July, the sixth, tenth and twelfth sitting of the first ordinary session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2016 took place, as well as the eleventh special sitting of the first ordinary session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2016. During the sixth sitting, MPs adopted 23 laws, and at the tenth sitting 33 laws, while during the twelfth sitting, MPs adopted three laws.

During July, committees considered 31 proposals for a law, 11 proposals for a decision, one proposal for a resolution and held other activities within their oversight role.

In focus of this month's newsletter is the participation of the Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro in the 25th Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, held in Tbilisi, Georgia.

The newsletter is published monthly through which the Parliament endeavours to bring its work closer to Montenegrin citizens. We consider this publication to be very significant as a reliable source of information regarding the work of the Parliament and we hope that you will find it useful. We remain open to your comments and suggestions, as well as criticism, which can help us bring more quality to our work.

**Respectfully,**

**Parliamentary Service**



## LEGISLATIVE AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITY

**At the Sixth Sitting of the First Ordinary Session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2016**, the resignation of the MP Andrija Mandić was noted.

During the sitting, the following was adopted: Law on Amendments to the Law on Postal Services, Law on Amendments to the Law on Corporate Profit Tax, Law on Amendments to the Law on Insurance, Law on Amendments to the Law on Administrative Fees, Law on Amendments to the Bankruptcy Law, Law on Amendments to the Law on Environmental Impact Assessment, Law on Amendments to the Law on Integrated Prevention and Control of Pollution of the Environment, Law on Amendments to the Law on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment, Law on Amendments to the Law on Accountability for Environmental Damage, Nature Protection Law, Law on Amendments to the Law on Amicable Settlement of Labour Disputes, Law on Amendments to the Law on Prohibition of Harassment at Work, Law on Amendments to the Law on Trade Union Representation, Law on Amendments to the Law on Labour Fund, Law on Amendments to the Pension and Disability Insurance Law, Decision on adopting the Special Purpose Spatial Plan for the Durmitor Region, Law on Court Experts, Law on Trainees in Courts and Public Prosecution Office and Bar Exam, Law on Amendments to the Law on Takeover of Joint Stock Companies, Law on Amendments to the Law on Protection from Ionising Radiation and Radiation

Safety, Law on Biocidal Products, Law on Amendments to the Rafting Law, 2014 Performance Report of the Commission for Prevention of Conflict of Interests, Law on Interpreters and Law on Amendments to the Law on Value Added Tax.

**At the Tenth Sitting of the First Ordinary Session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2016**, the Parliament noted the beginning of the parliamentary term of office of Radojica Živković from the electoral list "Democratic Front - Miodrag Lekić".

Within the agenda item *Elections and Appointments*, the Parliament elected Budimir Aleksić as member of the Constitutional Committee, Zorica Martinović as member of the Legislative Committee and Administrative Committee, Strahinja Bulajić as member of the Security and Defence Committee, Radojica Živković as member of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget, Miloš Konatar as member of the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare and Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports. In addition, Strahinja Bulajić was dismissed from his duty of member of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget. During the sitting, the following was adopted: Law on Amendments to the Family Law, Law on Public Assembly and Public Events, Law on Amendments to the Law on State Administration, Law on Amendments to the Law on Personal Name, Law on Amendments to the Law on Civil Registries, Law on Amendments to the Law on Copyright and Related Rights, Law on Amendments to the Law on Water, Law on Amendments to the Law on Veteran and Disability Protection, Law on Amendments to the Law on Social and Child Welfare, Law on Amendments to the Law on Professional Rehabilitation and Employment of Persons with Disabilities, Decision on sending members of the Army of Montenegro to the European Union peacekeeping operation EU NAVFOR ATALANTA, Law on Amendments to the Law on Notaries, Law on Amendments to the Law on Central Register of Citizens, Law on the State Seal and the Seals of State Bodies, Law on Spirit Drinks, Law on Amendments to the Veterinary Law, Law on Amendments to the Law on designations of origin, geographical indications and indications of traditional specialities guaranteed for agricultural and food products, Law on Security Protection of Ships and Ports, Law on Ratification of the ILO Night Work Convention No 171, Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Bulgaria on Social Welfare, Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Italy, Law on Amendments to the Law on Hydrocarbons Tax, Law on Environment, Central Bank of Montenegro Report on monitoring the implementation of the Law on Conversion of Loans in Swiss Francs CHF into Euros EUR with proposal for conclusions of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget, 2014 Annual Report on the state in the power sector of Montenegro, 2015 Personal Data Protection and

Access to Information Status Report, Proposal for the 2015 Financial and Performance Report of the Energy Regulatory Agency, 2014 Annual Report on Awarded State Aid in Montenegro, 2015 Performance Report of the Agency for Protection of Competition, Law on Legalization of Informal Structures, Law on Administrative Disputes, Law on Amendments to the Law on Montenegrin Citizenship, Law on Amendments to the Law on Travel Documents, Law on Accounting, Law on Regional Water Supply of Montenegrin Coast Region, Law on Communal Services, Law on Amendments to the Law on Inspection Control, Law on Amendments to the Law on Employment and Exercising Rights with respect to Unemployment Insurance, Law on Amendments to the Electronic Media Law, Law on Amendments to the Law on Public Broadcasting Services of Montenegro, Law on Amendments to the Law on Special Public Prosecutor's Office, Proposal for a Resolution, Proposal for conclusions of the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration with regard to 2015 Performance Report of the Prosecutorial Council and Public Prosecution Office, and Proposal for conclusions of the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration with regard to the 2015 Annual Report on performance of the Judicial Council and general state of the judiciary.

Within the item *Elections and appointments*, on the basis of the Proposal for a Decision on nomination of two members of the Commission for ranking candidates for the Chairperson of the Committee on Energy Regulatory Agency, the Parliament elected Filip Vuković and Ranko Krsmanović as members of the Commission.

In addition, on the basis of the Proposal for a Decision on establishing the Committee on monitoring the application of the Law on Election of Councillors and MPs in the part relating to the media, the Parliament elected Nada Drobnjak as Chair of the Committee, and Danko Šarančić, Žana Filipović, Goran Tuponja, Suljo Mustafić, Genci Nimanbegu, Slaven Radunović, Koča Pavlović, Vladislav Bojović and Danijela Danka Marković as members of the Committee.

On the basis of the Proposal for a Decision on electing eight members of the Temporary committee on monitoring the investigation of cases of endangering security of journalists and media outlets, the Parliament elected Marta Šćepanović, Milorad Vuletić, Goran Tuponja, Andrija Popović, Emilo Labudović, Koča Pavlović, Srđan Milić and Izet Bralić as members of the Temporary committee.

On the basis of the Proposal for a Decision on electing members of the Committee on monitoring the application of laws and other regulations important for building trust in the election process, the Parliament elected Milutin Simović, Miodrag Vuković, Predrag Sekulić, Mevludin Nuhodžić, Suljo Mustafić, Zorica Martinović, Ljerka Dragičević, Draginja Vuksanović, Dritan Abazović, Miloš Konatar, Neven Gošović and Zoran Miljanić as members of the Committee.

**At the Twelfth Sitting of the First Ordinary Session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2016**, MPs adopted the following: Decision on accepting the Joint-stock Agreement between the State of Montenegro and the A2A S.P. A., Law on ratification of the Protocol Between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of Czech Republic on Cooperation in Field of Energy, Infrastructure, Law on Amendments to the Law on Audit of European Union Funds, and Law on Amendments to the Law on Protection and Rescue.

**At the Eleventh Special Sitting of the First Ordinary Session in 2016**, MPs of the Parliament of Montenegro were addressed by President of the Parliament of the Republic of Albania Ilir Meta.

### Proposals for Law deliberated in committees

- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Travel Documents** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Personal Name** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Civil Registries** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on State Administration** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Public Assembly and Public Events** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Water** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Spirit Drinks** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Electronic Media Law** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Copyright and Related Rights** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Protection and Rescue** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Veteran and Disability Protection** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Social and Child Welfare** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Professional Rehabilitation and Employment of the Persons with Disabilities** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Employment and Exercising Rights with respect to Unemployment Insurance** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on designations of origin, geographical indications and indications of traditional specialities guaranteed for agricultural and food products** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Security Protection of Ships and Ports** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Accounting** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget.
- **Proposal for a Law on Auditing** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Audit of European Union Funds** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the ILO Night Work Convention No 171** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Agreement of Montenegro and Republic of Bulgaria on Social Welfare** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Italy** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Special Public Prosecutor's Office** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration and the Legislative Committee.

- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Conversion of Loans in Swiss Francs CHF** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Media** was considered by the Legislative Committee, however, the proposal did not obtain the required majority.
- **Proposal for a Law on Regional Water Supply of Montenegrin Coast Region** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Legalization of Informal Structures** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Communal Services** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Temporary Residence Fee** was considered by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget, however, the proposal did not obtain the required majority.
- **Proposal for a Law on ratification of the Protocol Between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of Czech Republic on Cooperation in Field of Energy and Infrastructure** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants and the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on deployment of the Armed Forces of Montenegro units to the international forces and participation of members of civil defence, police and public administration employees in peacekeeping missions and other activities abroad** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Security and Defence Committee.

*Proposal for Law considered by a committee during July:*

- Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Media Law, submitted by MPs Rifat Rastoder, Dritan Abazović and Zoran Miljanić was considered by the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration, who decided to declare on the proposal after holding a consultative hearing on the Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Media Law.

***Proposals for other acts deliberated in committees***

- **Proposal for a Decision on the Election of a member of the Administrative Committee** was determined by the Administrative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Decision on the Election of a member of the Legislative Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro** was determined by the Administrative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Decision on the Election of a member**

**of the Security and Defence Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro** was determined by the Administrative Committee.

- **Proposal for a Decision on the Election of a member of the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Parliament of Montenegro** was determined by the Administrative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Decision on the Election of a member of the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare of the Parliament of Montenegro** was determined by the Administrative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Decision on the Election of a member of the Constitutional Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro** was determined by the Administrative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Decision on Dismissal and Election of a member of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget of the Parliament of Montenegro** was determined by the Administrative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Resolution submitted by MPs Nik Gjeloshaj and Genci Nimanbegu** was considered by the Legislative Committee, however, the proposal did not obtain the required majority. The same proposal was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports.
- **Proposal for a Decision on the election of members of the Committee on monitoring the application of laws and other regulations important for building trust in the election process** was determined by the Administrative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Decision on appointing the president, vice president and members of the Committee on monitoring the application of the Law on Election of Councillors and MPs in the part relating to the media** was determined by the Administrative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Decision on election of members of the Temporary parliamentary committee on monitoring the investigation of cases of endangering security of journalists and media outlets** was determined by the Administrative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Decision on accepting the Joint-stock Agreement between the State of Montenegro and the AZA S.P.A.** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget and the Legislative Committee.

***Other activities of working bodies***

- At the 124<sup>th</sup> meeting of the **Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration** of 4 July, the Committee reached the Decision on holding a consultative hearing on the topic "Voter register of Montenegro, accuracy and well-foundedness of carrying out changes, and informing citizens about them". In addition, the Committee reached a unanimous Decision on holding a control hearing on the topic: "State of affairs in local self-governments in Montenegro - the

implementation of conclusions from the joint meeting of the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration and Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget, held on 11 November 2013 on the topic: "Analysis of local self-governments functioning" in the context of the Proposal for the Law on Amendments of the Law on Local Self-Governments", submitted to the Parliament of Montenegro for adoption."



At the 125<sup>th</sup> meeting of 19 July, the Committee considered the 2015 Performance Report of the Prosecutorial Council and Public Prosecution Office.

At the 126<sup>th</sup> meeting of 20 July, the Committee considered and supported the 2015 Annual Report on performance of the Judicial Council and general state of the judiciary.

- At the 53<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the **Security and Defence Committee** of 1 July, the members of the Committee conducted a control hearing of Supreme State Prosecutor Ivica Stanković, Minister of Interior Goran Danilović, Director of Police Administration Slavko Stojanović, as well as the Director of the National Security Agency Dejan Peruničić. The Committee was informed about the information on the undertaken activities of these bodies in cases of unsolved murders in Montenegro, and on this occasion special attention has been paid to the issues of mutual cooperation and coordination of competent state bodies in procedures of solving the said criminal offences.

At the 54<sup>th</sup> meeting of 19 July, the Committee considered and supported the 2015 Performance Report of the National Security Agency, and reached several conclusions.

At the 56<sup>th</sup> meeting of 28 July, the Committee conducted a consultative hearing of military and diplomatic representative of Montenegro Lieutenant Colonel Mitar Klikovac, before assuming office of Defence Attaché in the United States of America on non-residential base as well as Defence Attaché for Canada and Iceland on non-residential base. The Committee supported, by a majority of votes, activities presented by Lieutenant Colonel Klikovac as priorities for military and diplomatic cooperation of Montenegro with the said countries.

- At the 81<sup>st</sup> of the **Committee on International**

**Relations and Emigrants**, held on 19 July, members of the Committee provided a positive opinion regarding the proposal for appointing Dušan Mrdović as Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Montenegro to the Republic of Albania, based in Tirana.

At the 83<sup>rd</sup> meeting of 26 July, members of the Committee provided a positive opinion regarding the proposal for appointing Bojan Šarkić as Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador - Head of Montenegro's Mission to the European Union, based in Brussels.

At the 84<sup>th</sup> meeting of 26 July, members of the Committee provided a positive opinion regarding the proposal for appointing Milorad Šćepanović as Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador - Head of Montenegro's Permanent Mission to the United Nations and other international organisations in Geneva, based in Geneva.

- At the 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of the **Committee on European Integration** of 20 July, members of the Committee considered and supported reports on the following negotiation chapters: 5 - Public procurement, 10 - Information society and media, 20 - Enterprise and industrial policy and 30 - External relations.

- At the 152<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the **Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget**, held on 18 July, the Committee considered and supported 2015 Status Report on the Insurance Market in Montenegro, 2015 Performance Report of the Deposit Protection Fund as well as the 2015 Performance Report of the Commission for the Control of Public Procurement Procedures, and decided to propose to the Parliament to adopt them.

At the 153<sup>rd</sup> meeting of 27 July, the Committee members supported the 2015 Status Report on the Energy Sector of Montenegro. In addition, the Committee considered the 2015 Annual Report on Awarded State Aid in Montenegro, however, the Report did not obtain the required majority.

- At the 65<sup>th</sup> meeting of the **Gender Equality Committee**, held on 4 July, members of the Committee considered and supported the Report on Implementation of the Implementation Programme 2015-2016 for 2015 of the Activity Plan for Achieving Gender Equality (PAPRR) 2013-2017.

At the 66<sup>th</sup> meeting of 11 July, the Committee members considered the 2015 Report on Implementation of the Strategy for improvement of position of Roma and Egyptians in Montenegro 2012-2016, and the Strategy for social inclusion of Roma and Egyptians in Montenegro 2016-2020 with 2016 Action Plan for implementation of the Strategy, and the Draft Action Plan for the Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 "Women, Peace and Security" in

Montenegro (2016-2017).

At the 67<sup>th</sup> meeting of 18 July, members of the Committee determined the Activity Plan for Gender Responsible Parliament of Montenegro, September 2016 - September 2018. In addition, the Committee got acquainted to the PACE Resolution 2111 (2016) - Assessing the impact of measures to improve women's political representation, adopted in April this year.

- At the 128<sup>th</sup> meeting of the **Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare** of 12 July, the Committee harmonised the Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Amicable Settlement of Labour Disputes, Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Labour Law, Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Labour Fund, Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Trade Union Representation and Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Law on Prohibition of Harassment at Work with the Law on Amendments to the Law on General Administrative Procedure.
- At the 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of the **Anti-Corruption Committee** held on 21 July, the Committee considered and supported special performance reports of the Supreme Public Prosecutor's Office and the Special Public Prosecutor's Office for the period from 1 January to 1 June 2016, following which several conclusions were reached.
- At the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the **Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatisation Procedure** of 20 July, the participants discussed the current protests of former workers of the fashion footwear industry "Košuta" Cetinje. In addition, members of the Commission adopted the 2015 Performance Report of the Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatisation Procedure.
- At the 68<sup>th</sup> meeting of the **Administrative Committee** of 19 July, the Committee decided to propose to the Parliament to elect Zorica Martinović as member of the Legislative Committee and the Administrative Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro; dismiss Strahinja Bulajić from the duty of the member of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget and elect Radojica Živković as member of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget of the Parliament of Montenegro; elect Budimir Aleksić as member of the Constitutional Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro, and Strahinja Bulajić as member of the Security and Defence Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro; elect Miloš Konatar as member of the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare of the Parliament of Montenegro and member of the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Parliament of Montenegro.

At the 69<sup>th</sup> meeting of 22 July, the Committee determined the Proposal for a Decision on the election of members of the Committee on monitoring the application of laws and other regulations important for building trust in the election process and decided to propose to the Parliament to elect Milutin Simović, Miodrag Vuković, Predrag Sekulić, Mevludin Nuhodžić, Suljo Mustafić, Zorica Martinović, Ljerka Dragičević, Draginja Vuksanović, Neven Gošović, Zoran Miljanić, Dritan Abazović and Miloš Konatar as members of the members of the Committee on monitoring the application of laws and other regulations important for building trust in the election process. In addition, the Committee determined Proposal for a Decision on appointing the president, vice president and members of the Committee on monitoring the application of the Law on Election of Councillors and MPs in the part relating to the media and decided to propose to the Parliament to appoint Nada Drobnjak as Chair of the Committee on monitoring the application of the Law on Election of Councillors and MPs in the part relating to the media, Danko Šarančić as Deputy Chair of the Committee, and Žana Filipović, Goran Tuponja, Suljo Mustafić, Genci Nimanbegu, Slaven Radunović, Koča Pavlović, Vladislav Bojović and Danijela Danka Marković as members of the Committee. The Committee also determined the Proposal for a Decision on election of members of the Temporary parliamentary committee on monitoring the investigation of cases of endangering security of journalists and media outlets and thus decided to propose to the Parliament to appoint the following as members of the Temporary parliamentary committee: Marta Šćepanović, Milorad Vuletić, Goran Tuponja, Andrija Popović, Emilo Labudović, Vladislav Bojović, Srđan Milić, and Izet Bralić.

At the 70<sup>th</sup> meeting of 28 July, in accordance with Article 31 paragraph 6 of the Law on Public Sector Salaries, determining that the decision on salaries of persons who were elected, appointed, or nominated in accordance with regulations shall be adopted by the body or the working body which elected, appointed, or nominated them, and in relation to the Request by the Council of the Insurance Supervision Agency for rendering a decision on earnings of the President of the Council of the Agency and decision on allowances for members of the Council of the Agency, the Administrative Committee has decided to render adequate decisions.



## NEWS FROM PARLIAMENT



### *President of the Parliament signed the Cooperation Agreement with 57 non-governmental organisations*

President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović signed on 29 July the Cooperation Agreement with 57 non-governmental organisations.



The Cooperation Agreement between the Parliament of Montenegro and non-governmental organisations in Montenegro is aimed at strengthening trust between the Parliament and non-governmental organisations as well as creating sustainable partnership based on the

principles of transparency, openness and mutual respect.

Pajović emphasised that this Agreement encourages strengthening of institutional dialogue between the Parliament and non-governmental organisations through improved mechanisms for information exchange and favourable conditions for the effective and efficient participation of non-governmental organisations in creating public policies and the consequent legislative solutions. In addition, he added that increasing the effectiveness of work of the non-governmental organisations and the levels of parliamentary openness towards their requests, and improvement of accountability of the Parliament to the citizens, represented the support to more efficient harmonisation of Montenegrin legislation with the acquis of the European Union in the area of human rights, rule of law, culture, education, health system, social policies, environmental protection and other relevant areas.

### *President Darko Pajović presented 13th July Awards for 2016 on 12 July*

President of the Jury for awarding the 13th July Award Gojko Kastratović and members of the Jury Ilija Vujošević, Igor Lakić, Mimir Vojinović and Asim Dizdarević rendered the decision this year's winners of the 13th July Award would be Miladin Šobić, Igor Đurović and Milorad Popović. The lifetime achievement award was won by Veljko Bulajić. Đurović won the award for scientific contribution to designing the quasi-maximum likelihood (QML) estimate, Milorad Popović for his novel "A man without a face", and songwriter Miladin Šobić for his album "Šobić". Veljko Bulajić won the lifetime achievement award, as one of the most significant Yugoslav and

Montenegrin directors and one of the last great active European directors.



### *Delegation of the Committee on European Integration participated in the Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the EU (COSAC)*

Deputy Chair of the Committee on European Integration Marija Maja Čatović and member of the Committee Danko Šarančić participated in the Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the EU (COSAC), which took place on 11 July, in Bratislava.

During the session held on the topic - priorities of the Slovak presidency of the EU Council, European parliamentarians discussed the current challenges in the functioning of the EU, such as the exit of the UK from the

EU, illegal immigration and functioning of the Schengen area. British parliamentarians also stated their opinions about relations of the UK and EU. The second session was related to the EU social dimension and Cohesion policy, during which it was emphasised that the EU has been facing high unemployment rates and social inequality, therefore new social policies should be focused on social cohesion, economic security and quality of life. In addition, they called for the establishment of a system which would evaluate all European measures in terms of their impact on the social dimension.



## IN FOCUS



### *Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro participated in XXV Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly*

President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović and MPs Slaven Radunović and Branko Čavor participated in the XXV Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, which took place from 1 to 5 July in Tbilisi, Georgia, entitled “25 Years of Parliamentary Cooperation: Building Trust Through Dialogue”.

The focus of this year’s Session was the significance of parliamentary dialogue and promotion of cooperation between member states in order to combat all types of threats, primarily in the security sense, and the making of efforts with regard to deescalation of the current conflicts.

The following addressed the Parliamentary Assembly during the Session: Speaker of the Parliament of Georgia David Usupashvili, President of Georgia Giorgi Margvelashvili, Prime Minister Giorgi Kvirikashvili, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly President Ilkka Kanerva, OSCE Chairman-in-Office and German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Pedro Agramunt, Chairperson of the Committee on Political Affairs and Security Roger Wicker (USA), Deputy Chairperson of the Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment Nilza Sena, and others.

President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović also addressed the present at the opening of the XXV plenary session of the OSCE PA. During his speech

to parliamentarians, President Pajović expressed pleasure that, despite many challenges, Montenegro enjoys political stability and active efforts are being made towards improvement of the electoral process.

In addition, he added that the state has solved the political crisis alone, without international mediation, which is to be proud of, and expressed certainty that this is a good indicator of democratic improvement and political maturity, achieved by our state.



President Pajović officially invited the Parliamentary Assembly to take part in the observation of the parliamentary elections in Montenegro, which are to be held in October this year, bearing in mind that the Assembly and the OSCE have always been ready to help Montenegro when it needed help the most.

During the visit to Georgia, the President officially met with President of Georgia Giorgi Margvelashvili, Speaker of the Parliament David Usupashvili, and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mikheil Janelidze.

## PARLIAMENTARY GLOSSARY

**State Administration.** State Administration is a notion which most frequently includes the apparatus that does all the regular activities of the state and is composed of individuals- civil servants, officials and state employees- and institutions i.e. bodies (executive bodies, state agencies, administrations/directorates). Since the activities carried out by the state administration are done in the public interest, state administration is frequently referred to as public administration. Public administration is, however, used in a wider context comprising all the bodies and organisations in the public service. <sup>1</sup>

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# FROM THE HISTORY OF MONTENEGRIN PARLIAMENTARISM



## LAW ON THE CIVIL COURT JURISDICTION OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF MONTENEGRO

6/19 December 1902

**WE  
NIKOLA I  
BY THE GRACE OF GOD  
PRINCE AND SOVEREIGN OF MONTENEGRO**

**At the proposal of the Our Acting Minister of  
Justice,  
After hearing Our State Council,  
We decided to order and are ordering this  
LAW  
ON  
THE CIVIL COURT JURISDICTION  
OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF MONTENEGRO**

**A jurisdiction of the court *ratione materiae***

### Article 1

When it comes to disputes referred to in the following articles falling under the competence of the courts of first instance (captain courts), the captain court shall not be allowed to receive any complaint before both parties settle the dispute before a village kmet or they decide not to present themselves before the village kmet located in the area of residence of the defendant.

### Article 2

The Captain court shall not admit a complaint if it has not received a document by the village kmet certifying that the defendant failed to appear before the kmet to settle the dispute or that the attempt of reconciliation was unsuccessful.

### Article 3

The deadline within which the defendant must appear before the village kmet shall be three days.

### Article 4

In the event of reconciliation, a letter of reconciliation shall be written, which shall enter into force immediately.

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### Article 8

Appeals brought against all the judgements reached by the captain courts shall be given orally or in writing to the competent superior court, by previously addressing the captain court.

### Article 9

An appeal may be taken eight days after the judgment is announced to parties to the dispute. After this deadline is reached, no appeals shall be allowed. The captain court shall defer all the timely submitted appeals along with other acts to the competent superior court, which shall render a decision. The superior court may confirm or annul a judgement reached by the captain court, and therefore reach another judgement.

### Article 10

No appeals are allowed against a judgement reached by the superior court related to Articles 8 and 9 of this Law.

### Article 11

The High Court is the court of last instance competent to decide on appeals, i.e. against all the judgements reached by the superior courts as courts of first instance.

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### Article 13

No appeals are allowed against the judgements reached by the High Court.

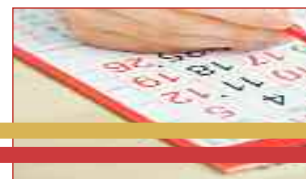
Cetinje, St Nicholas's Day, in 1902

Nikola, handwritten signature

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## 1 July

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović and MPs Slaven Radunović and Branko Čavor participated in the XXV Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, which took place in Tbilisi, Georgia, entitled “25 Years of Parliamentary Cooperation: Building Trust Through Dialogue”.
- Chair of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants Miodrag Vuković met with Director of the Administration for Diaspora of Montenegro of Ministry for Foreign Affairs Predrag Mitrović. Within continuous cooperation between the Committee and the Administration, the significance of intensive communication was emphasised, aimed at synchronising action directed towards resolving the issues especially dedicated to emigrants from Montenegro.
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović and President of the Assembly of the Union of Municipalities Slavoljub Stijepović signed the Cooperation Agreement between the Parliament of Montenegro and the Union of Municipalities of Montenegro. The Agreement on the cooperation between the highest legislative body and the Union of Municipalities is primarily aimed at promoting the local self-government system by strengthening institutional dialogue between the state and local authorities in order to create conditions in which the local government would provide more efficient and quality service to citizens and the economy.



## 5 July

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović met with the newly appointed President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Christine Muttonen, and thanked her for holding the first meeting upon taking office with representatives of Montenegro. President Muttonen thanked for the support and expressed

satisfaction over continuation of excellent cooperation with the Parliament of Montenegro. The interlocutors agreed that the parliaments have an obligation to additionally improve relations, because democratisation of every society is an ongoing process.

- Chair of the Gender Equality Committee Nada Drobnjak participated in a round table, during which the Draft Action Plan for the Implementation of the UN Security Council 1325 Resolution “Women, Peace and Security (2016-2017)” was considered. The Action Plan for the implementation of the Resolution on Montenegro aims to cover and address key areas for the implementation of the 1325 Resolution and its follow-up resolutions, increase the participation of women in deciding on all issues relating to peace and security, include gender perspective in preventing conflicts and gender-based violence, protect women and girls and their rights in peacetime, as well as conflict zones and integration of gender perspective and gender education in peaceful operations.



- Member of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms Zoran Miljanić participated in the seminar entitled “From words to deeds - towards the integration of Roma”, which took place in Podgorica. The Seminar was organised by the European Union Delegation to Montenegro, in cooperation with the Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR). Among the participants were also representatives of state and local institutions, ambassadors of the EU member states, international organisations, NGOs, and representatives of Roma and Egyptian population in Montenegro.

## 8 July

- Deputy of the Protector of the Human Rights and Freedoms Snežana Mijušković took an oath before the President of Montenegrin Parliament Darko Pajović. President Pajović congratulated the Deputy Ombudsman on taking the oath, and emphasised that he was convinced that the institution of the

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Ombudsman in the new composition would have more capacity which was in the interest of all citizens of Montenegro.

## 11 July

- Deputy Chair of the Committee on European Integration Marija Maja Ćatović and member of the Committee Danko Šarančić attended the Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the EU (COSAC), which took place in Bratislava. European parliamentarians discussed the current challenges in the functioning of the EU, such as the exit of the UK from the EU, illegal immigration and functioning of the Schengen area. British parliamentarians also stated their opinions about relations of the UK and EU. In addition, the EU social dimension and Cohesion policy were discussed.



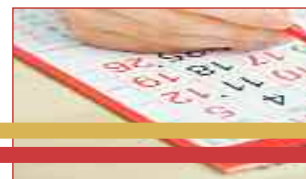
- MP Andrija Popović met with Roman Hloben, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to Montenegro. On the occasion, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to Montenegro Roman Hloben emphasised that Montenegro and Slovakia had very good and friendly relations, as well as that Montenegro had achieved a great success in integration, being the leader in the region, and that it would enjoy the support of Slovakia in achieving further progress on its path to NATO and EU. MP Popović informed Roman Hloben about the current political situation in Montenegro before the elections and expressed satisfaction over the meeting, assessing that successful cooperation and strengthening of relations should be continued.
- Chair of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants Miodrag Vuković, Director of the Administration for Diaspora of Montenegro Predrag Mitrović and Director-General of Directorate-General for Consular Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration Željko Stamatović paid a visit to Shkodra, on which occasion they met with representatives of Association of Montenegrin Diaspora

in Albania - Doclea and Alba Montenegro. Numerous topics were discussed during the meeting important for our emigrants in Albania, including the following: position of our community, rights they achieve in a receiving country, fulfilling legally prescribed commitments particularly when it comes to establishing a council for cooperation with emigrants, organisation and implementation of projects of schools and courses of the mother tongue.

## 12 July

- President Darko Pajović presented the 13th July Awards for 2016 to this year's winners of the 13th July Award Miladin Šobić, Igor Đurović and Milorad Popović. The lifetime achievement award was won by Veljko Bulajić.
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović met with President of the Parliament of the Republic of Albania Ilir Meta, who paid an official visit to Podgorica. The interlocutors emphasised the significance of cross-border cooperation, aimed at improving the position of people living in that region. They especially emphasised the importance of protection and using of natural resources shared by Montenegro and Albania such as Prokletije mountains, the Cijevna Canyon, the Lake of Skadar, the Bojana River, and the Adriatic Sea. More intensive cooperation between the two parliaments was agreed at the meeting, especially between the parliamentary committees in charge of monitoring the European integration process, but also the future work within the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović received Secretary General of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Lamberto Zannieri. President Pajović informed his interlocutor on the current political developments in the country, with a special reference to recently established Government of electoral trust, stressing that Montenegro had shown democratic maturity to resolve political challenges at the table. The interlocutors spoke on the set of laws being in the parliamentary procedure, which should contribute to organising fair and free elections, and establishing and jurisdiction of two parliamentary committees: Committee on monitoring application of laws and other regulations important for building trust in the election process and Committee on monitoring the investigation of cases of endangering security of journalists and media outlets.

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- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović received Michael Carpenter, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense of the USA. President Pajović expressed gratitude over the support in Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro, emphasising as especially significant that the USA had recognised the significance of this historic moment, not only for Montenegro but also for the entire region. President also informed his interlocutor on the current ratification process, where seven countries had already completed this process. The interlocutors also emphasised that Montenegro's accession to NATO will be a clear message to other aspirant countries as well - that NATO doors remain open to everyone who implements reforms necessary for membership and contributes to security of the Alliance.



*13 July*

- Chair of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants Miodrag Vuković and member of the Committee Žana Filipović, upon invitation of the Frankish-Montenegrin Society (FRAMOG), attended the ceremonious celebration on the occasion of the Statehood Day and the tenth anniversary of the independence of Montenegro, which was held in the Federal Republic of Germany.



In conversation with the President of the association Ljubo Dabović and its members, they emphasised that the Montenegrins and people originally from Montenegro in the FR Germany, a country friendly to Montenegro, from the beginning and without

reservations, its loyal citizens, committed to its social development and affirmation. It was noted during the conversation that the renewed and independent Montenegro in the past ten years had truly recognised the treasure and advantages in our emigrants, both in the FR Germany and beyond, and turned to thinking up policies by which it wanted to refresh and strengthen ties of emigrants with the homeland, respecting the countries in which they live, wanting to contribute to development of those countries and their social progress.

*15 July*

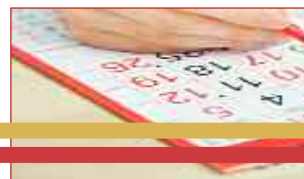
- Vice-President of the Parliament of Montenegro Suljo Mustafić met with European Commissioner for health and food safety Vytenis Andriukaitis. Mustafić stated that Montenegro was devoted to fulfilling important strategic goals relating to further integration towards the European Union and the NATO Alliance. He emphasised that European integration represented a long-term process which also meant the overall maturing of Montenegrin society. Commissioner Andriukaitis expressed satisfaction with the high level of support of citizens towards the EU integration emphasising that the European agenda should remain a priority in the work of the Parliament. He said that the EU remained open for the enlargement process through full support to the countries in the region in that process. Vice President Mustafić stated that he was expecting the October elections to be fair and free as defined by the agreement signed by political entities participating in the Government of Electoral Trust, and also emphasised that all political parties in the Parliament, regardless of whether they had signed the agreement or not, as elected representatives of the people had a responsibility of preserving democratic standards and European values.



*20 July*

- At the Twelfth meeting of the Inquiry Committee for collecting information and facts on the events relating

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to the actions of competent state authorities in the protection of state property and public interest during the sale of assets of the SC Tobacco Plant Podgorica in bankruptcy, members of the Committee voted on Proposal for the Performance Report of the Inquiry Committee for collecting information and facts on the events relating to the actions of competent state authorities in the protection of state property and public interest during the sale of assets of the SC Tobacco Plant Podgorica in bankruptcy and Draft Proposal for the Report of the Inquiry Committee for collecting information and facts on the events relating to the actions of competent state authorities in the protection of state property and public interest during the sale of assets of the SC Tobacco Plant Podgorica in bankruptcy, after which they unanimously decided to submit to the Parliament the Report with proposal of measures.



- President of the Parliament paid a working visit to the Old Royal Capital Cetinje, during which he has met with Mayor Aleksandar Bogdanović and President of the Local Assembly of the Old Royal Capital Jovan Martinović. During the meeting between President Pajović and Mayor Bogdanović, they discussed activities and cooperation of the Parliament of Montenegro and units of local self-government towards improvement of transparency and effectiveness of work of units of local self-government. During the meeting with Jovan Martinović, the interlocutors exchanged opinions on models of cooperation between two parliaments. On this occasion, President Martinović informed in a detailed manner President Pajović on intensive activities realised by the local parliament, aimed at providing support to developmental activities of the Old Royal Capital Cetinje.

### 21 July

- The exhibition of tapestries titled "The thread is a trail", whose authoress is MP Jelisava Kalezić, was opened. The exhibition is organised on the occasion of the 70th anniversary since women in Montenegro gained the right to vote, 75 years since women participated for the

first time in the election of local authorities in Berane and 75th anniversary of the 13th July Uprising. The exhibition presented tapestries made in the period 1972-2016.

### 22 July

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović paid a visit to Municipality of Bar, where he met with President of the Municipality Zoran Srzentić and President of the Local Assembly Radomir Novaković. President of the Municipality of Bar Zoran Srzentić informed President Pajović with the priority developmental directions of Bar and political situation within the local administration. Pajović emphasised that the point of this visit was the implementation of the Agreement on Cooperation between the Parliament of Montenegro and the Union of Municipalities which, primarily, has the goal to provide local parliaments with capacities of the state Parliament and to provide information on difficulties in functioning of local assemblies. Novaković emphasised that the Parliament of Montenegro is doing what it set out to do and that it is fulfilling all its plans and programmes. The parliament of Bar is expected to work more promptly, which has been its characteristic lately.

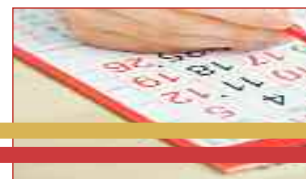
### 24 July

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović visited a special nature reserve Pančeva oka on Skadar Lake. During the tour of Skadar Lake, Pajović was accompanied by Director of National Parks of Montenegro Azra Vuković, Director of the Skadar Lake National Park Goran Škatarić and ornithologist of National Parks Nela Vešović-Dubak.

### 25 July

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović received Head of the EU Delegation to Montenegro Ambassador Mitja Drobnič for a farewell visit. President Pajović expressed satisfaction over the fact that in these four years, during the term of office of Drobnič, relations of Montenegro and European Union improved, which, institutionally as well as essentially, means the highest possible level of relations between the EU and non-member states. Ambassador Drobnič emphasised that these four years were a good opportunity to analyse track records and stated that decision of the EU to open negotiations with Montenegro by the end of 2012 proved to be right. The interlocutors expressed hope that the fulfilment of the

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obligations under the Agreement between the government and opposition would result in holding fair and free elections.



**26 July**

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović along with President of the Local Assembly of Bar Radomir Cakan Novaković had a working lunch, meetings and visits to entrepreneurs from Bar. At the meeting with entrepreneurs organised in Old Bar, Pajović learned about work in areas of olive production, maritime, shipping, tourism and sport, but also about a number of problems faced by entrepreneurs from Bar. Maritime affairs were particularly discussed, an area of great importance to Bar.

**27 July**

- Vice-President of the Parliament of Montenegro Suljo Mustafić met with Charge d' Affaires of the UAE Embassy to Montenegro Ibrahim Al Alawi. During the meeting, the interlocutors concluded that political cooperation represents a very important part of the overall relations between Montenegro and the United Arab Emirates, and establishment of parliamentary friendship groups will enable its further strengthening. The interlocutors also noted that cooperation of the two countries in the field of economy and culture was good, with room for its further improvement, and that there was ample room for strengthening relations between the two countries, by creating ambience for numerous projects in the field of economy, culture and sports.
- President Pajović received Sotirios Athanasiou, Ambassador of the Republic of Greece to Montenegro. Ambassador Athanasiou informed the President that the Greek Parliament would soon ratify the Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty on the Accession of Montenegro, and it shall enjoy the support of all the political parties in the Parliament. He also expressed satisfaction over the fact that the Republic of Greece would be among the first states to ratify the Protocol, and thus convey a

clear message on the need to complete this process as soon as possible. President Pajović emphasised that Greece was Montenegro's first contact with NATO, and that since then Montenegro had intensive cooperation in the area of defence, particularly in educating cadets and training military personnel, naval cooperation, joint participation in international missions and operations.

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović met with President of the Local Assembly of the Capital City Đorđe Suhij and Mayor Slavoljub Stijepović. The visit was aimed at obtaining information on the activities of the Capital City as well as the implementation of the Agreement on Cooperation between the Parliament of Montenegro and the Union of Municipalities. It was agreed that in the process of adopting the legal solution, the professional services and bodies of the Capital City should be consulted at a more significant rate by giving certain suggestions and observations from the level of the local self-government, in order to draft the best possible legal solutions which would be possible to implement in their entirety.

**28 July**

- Vice-President of the Parliament of Montenegro Suljo Mustafić met with Director of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation for Serbia and Montenegro Norbert Beckmann-Dierkes. It was noted that the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, with its project activities, contributed to development of democracy and social and political ambience of Montenegro. Vice President Mustafić referred to the current political developments in Montenegro and said that accession to the NATO Alliance and continuation of the EU integration represented priorities of the state policy. Director Dierkes emphasised that the KAS via its office in Podgorica had been successfully implementing project activities in Montenegro, in areas such as: promotion of parliamentary democracy and strengthening of institutions, support to the process of European integration, support to reforms in the field of the rule of law.

**29 July**

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Darko Pajović signed the Cooperation Agreement with 57 non-governmental organisations aimed at strengthening trust between the Parliament and non-governmental organisations as well as creating sustainable partnership based on the principles of transparency, openness and mutual respect.