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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 August to 30 September, which is, in the form of monthly newsletter "Open Parliament", prepared by Parliamentary Service.

During September, the Sitting of the Third Extraordinary session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2017 took place, during which one law was adopted.

In September, Committees considered 11 proposals for a law, and performed other activities within their oversight role.

In focus of this month's newsletter is the meeting of the President of the Parliament of Montenegro with the President of the Slovenian Parliament, which took place on 11 September.

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 Sitting of the Third Extraordinary Session of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2017, MPs adopted the Law on Spatial Planning and Construction of Buildings.

Proposals for Law deliberated in Committees

- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Customs Law** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Foreign Affairs** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendments to the Bankruptcy Law** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Portugal on Double Taxation Avoidance and Prevention of Income Tax Evasion** 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 Paris Agreement** was considered and proposed to the

Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants.

- **Proposal for a Law on Ratification of amendments to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants.
- **Proposal for a Law on Spatial Planning and Construction of Buildings** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning.
- **Proposal for a Law on Services** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget.
- **Proposal for a Law on Amendment to the Law on Audit of EU Funds** 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 Restitution of the Taken Away Property Rights and Compensation** 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 Safety of Maritime Navigation** was considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Legislative Committee and the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget.

Other activities of working bodies

- At the fourteenth meeting of the **Committee on International Relations and Emigrants**, held on 21 September, members of the Committee gave a positive opinion on the proposal for appointing Miodrag Vlahović as Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Montenegro to the Holy See and the Sovereign Order of Malta, on a residential basis, in Rome.



- At the ninth meeting of the **Committee on European Integration**, held on 14 September, members of the

Committee have, in the presence of the Ministry of European Affairs, Ministry of Finance and the Union of Municipalities of Montenegro, considered Information regarding EU Assistance Programmes involving 2015-2016.

At the tenth meeting, held on the same day, members of the Committee have unanimously supported the Thirteenth and the Fourteenth Quarterly Report on the overall activities within the integration process of Montenegro to the EU, covering the period January-March, respectively April-June 2017. Furthermore, members of the Committee have considered the First and Second Quarterly Report on the implementation of commitments stemming from Montenegro's Programme of Accession to the EU 2017-2018, involving January-June 2017.



- At the fourteenth meeting of the **Administrative Committee**, held on 6 September, the Committee initiated the procedure for the appointment of one member of the Council of the Electronic Media Agency, by submitting a public invitation to the Montenegrin PEN Center.



At the fifteenth meeting, held on 14 September, the Committee decided to readvertise the Fourth open vacancy notice for the election of one member of the State Electoral Commission from among representatives of the civil society, NGO and the University. In addition, at the proposal of the Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro Aleksandar Jovičević, the Committee determined the Draft Rulebook on the Amendments to the Rulebook on the manner of selection and testing of candidates for employment and the accessibility of the documentation involving public notices within the Service of the Parliament of Montenegro.

NEWS FROM PARLIAMENT



Visit of the Secretary General to the Parliamentary Assembly of Serbia

The National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, in cooperation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), and with the support of the OSCE Mission to Serbia and Initiative Open Parliament, organised on 15 September the working forum in Belgrade on the topic of the "Democracy and active citizens - path towards open parliaments". The event was held on the occasion of the marking of International Day of Democracy, with this year's official slogan "Stronger Democracies - Get Engaged Now!"

Participants of the Forum were the Secretaries General of the parliaments of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, as well as representatives of civil society and international organisations, and the Service of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia.

The work of the event was realised in two panels: "Openness and transparency of parliaments in Serbia and

the region - action plans for openness and benefits of parliamentary involvement in the Open Government Partnership Initiative" and "Civic participation in decision-making processes - successful solutions and models in the region".



Brajović and NGOs: we should jointly promote progress of institutions and the society as a whole

On the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the IPU's Universal Declaration on Democracy, as well as the 10th anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly's decision to proclaim 15 September as the International Day of Democracy, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović met with representatives of NGOs, such as CEDEM, CDT, CEMI, MANS and GA, which were involved in the monitoring of the election process in Montenegro. It was noted that an open and constructive cooperation between the Parliament and NGOs, with an unbiased and objective approach was in the interest of further progress of institutions and Montenegrin society as a whole. It was jointly concluded that the Parliament has achieved significantly greater openness and transparency of work, creating a solid basis for further progress in the exchange of opinions with the civic sector, both through organisations and individually.



There were also talks about the application of good practices of more developed societies, involving experts who would provide analytical assistance and therefore also

provide a basis aimed at further promotion of legislative frameworks, quality of documents, procedures and other elements of importance to the legislative and control role of the Parliament, whether it involves the electoral process



or another process deemed of interest for the entire society. The President noted that the assessment which declared the Parliament of Montenegro the parliament with the highest level of openness in the region was gained through a conducted research of Regional Index of Openness, which incites us to additionally increase openness of work and the communication between the parliament and the public. President Brajović announced that by the end of the year the Cetinje Parliamentary Forum shall take place and it shall deal with the topic involving strengthening the openness of the work of the parliament. It shall also deal with the welcoming of initiatives put forward by civic society, aimed at further democratisation of society through promotion of work culture and dialogue.

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President of the Parliament met with the President of the Slovenian Parliament

At the meeting of President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia Milan Brglez and his host President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović, on 11 September, it was concluded that Montenegro, as aspirant country to join the European Union, was an example when it comes to the implementation of reforms and fostering the best neighbourly relations without open issues. In that context, President Brajović emphasised our country's advocating for valuing the pace of joining the EU for every country individually. The President of the National Assembly emphasised the willingness of Slovenia to share the integration experiences of its state, especially bearing in mind numerous similarities of the two countries and their parliaments. He also reiterated the position of all international officials, that the Parliament, and not the street nor any other place, was a place for discussing various political options. As an example of cooperation beneficial to the state, Brglez pointed out that the delegation of the National Assembly also consisted of representatives of the opposition parties. It was agreed that in the upcoming period concrete steps would be considered for improvement of cooperation of the two parliaments through the Memorandum of Understanding as well.

During the conversation with representatives of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants, Committee on European Integration, and Security and Defence Committee, MP Miodrag Vuković voiced

gratitude to the representatives of the Republic of Slovenia for their support during the NATO membership process, emphasising that joining the North Atlantic Alliance was a result of our intensive work, while Montenegro did everything expected from a country aspiring to become a part of the serious society. He emphasised that the fact that Montenegro today was a member of NATO represented honour and at the same time he pointed out that the membership did not only mean benefits but also responsibility and efforts aimed at contributing to the collective security system.

Chair of the Committee on European Integration Adrijan Vuksanović said that he believed in the sustainability of European values, and that Montenegro, through the EU membership, needed to institutionalise the values it naturally fostered through multi-ethnicity and multiculturalism.

Chair of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants Andrija Nikolić said that Montenegro was oriented towards its European path in full capacity, and that after the support to NATO membership, significant support to the European orientation of Montenegro also came precisely from the friendly Slovenia.

The delegation headed by Brglez also met with members of the Parliamentary Friendship Group of Montenegro and Slovenia, headed by Vice President of the Parliament Branimir Gvozdenović.

This was followed by the meeting with representatives of the opposition MP groups.

PARLIAMENTARY GLOSSARY

Amendment. „An amendment is an instrument used in the procedure of decision making aimed at amending the proposal that is being debated. Adopted amendments become part of the proposed act.

In the Parliament of Montenegro, amendments are submitted in written form with a statement of reasons not later than on the date of the conclusion of the general debate, while the proposer of the law or any other act and the responsible committee have to submit amendments before the general debate. Amendments to the proposal of the law are sent to MPs, the entity proposing the law, the government (if it is not the proposing entity) and to the responsible committee (if the committee is not the entity submitting the amendments). The responsible committee is obliged to consider the submitted amendments and to propose their adoption or rejection to the Parliament. The Parliament renders its decisions on the amendments according to the order of the articles in the proposal of the act to which the amendments refer; provided that the amendment submitted by the proposing entity and the amendment accepted by the proposing entity become a constituent part of the proposed act and the parliament does not render any particular decisions thereon.“¹

¹ Doc. dr Komar, Olivera, Prof. dr Ivana Jelić, Nataša Komnenić, Irena Mijanović, Jelena Radonjić, Vlatko Šćepanović, *Parlamentarni leksikon*, Podgorica, Skupština Crne Gore 2016, str. 174.

FROM HISTORY OF MONTENEGRIN PARLIAMENTARISM



RULES OF PROCEDURE OF 1978, 1996 AND 2013

RULES OF PROCEDURE FROM 1978

The Constituting of Parliament

Article 73

The first sitting of the Council in a new composition is convened by the President of the Council of the previous convocation, who is to preside over the first sitting of the council until a new president has been elected.

Upon the verifying of mandates and a solemn declaration, the council shall elect the president of the council.

The President of the Council shall notify the president of the Parliament of the previous convocation on the verifying of mandates.

Article 74

The President of Parliament of the previous convocation shall summon the first meeting of all the councils of the Parliament, during which the President and vice-presidents of the Parliament are to be elected, and shall preside over until the election of a new president.

The first meeting of all the councils is to be held after the verifying of mandates of council delegates.

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF 1996

The Constituting of Parliament

Article 4

The first sitting of Parliament shall be summoned by the President of the previous convocation, within 15 days after the holding of elections.

Prior to the election of the new President, the first sitting of Parliament shall be presided over by the eldest MP, who shall be assisted by the Secretary General of the Parliament.

Article 5

The verifying of mandates is performed on the basis

¹ Poslovnik Skupštine SR Crne Gore i poslovni Vijeća, Sekretarijat za informacije izvršnog vijeća Skupštine SR Crne Gore, Titograd, 1978, str.28,

² Poslovnik Skupštine Republike Crne Gore, Novinsko-izdavačka ustanova Službeni list RCG, Podgorica, 1996. str. 1-2.

of the report issued by the Electoral Commission of the Republic on the holding of elections.

The President of the Parliament, respectively the Chair shall verify that the State Election Commission has submitted the Report on conducted elections and announce that the term of office of newly elected Members of the Parliament has commenced.

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF 2013

Constituting of Parliament

Article 5

The President of the Parliament of the previous Parliamentary term shall convene the first sitting of the Parliament following the elections. Newly elected Members of the Parliament shall be delivered the writs of summons for the first sitting on the day following the day of submission of the Report on elections by the State Election Commission, and the sitting shall take place no later than five days after the dispatch of the writs of summons to the Members of the Parliament.

Article 6

The first sitting of the Parliament, pending the election of the President of the Parliament, shall be presided by the oldest Member of the Parliament (the Chair), who shall be assisted in his work by the youngest Member of the Parliament and the Secretary General of the Parliament.

Article 7

At the first sitting of the Parliament, the Chair shall verify that the State Election Commission has submitted the Report on conducted elections and announce that the term of office of newly elected Members of the Parliament has commenced as of the submission of the Report of the State Election Commission, and thereafter the President of the Parliament and Vice-Presidents as well as the Chair and members of the Administrative Committee shall be elected.

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10 August

- Andrija Nikolić, the Chair of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants, met with the US Ambassador, Ms Margaret Ann Uyebara. The Chair of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants of the Parliament of Montenegro, said that the recent visit of the US Vice-President, Michael Pence, occurred at the right moment for Montenegro and Euro-Atlantic allies, primarily in terms of strengthening our country's position on the political and security map of the region, but also as a direct answer to those who have not given up in trying to destabilise the Western Balkans. This is, according to Mr Nikolić, at the same time the most convincing display of the quality of Montenegrin - American relations.

15 August

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović opened the Science Summer School in Ivanova Korita, organised by the Foundation for Promotion of Science. In the Science Summer School, the best high school students are encouraged to dedicate their careers to the studying of fundamental sciences. The Prona Foundation organises camps with the support of the Ministry of Education and the Parliament of Montenegro.

29 August

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović presented the certificates to the participants of the Tenth Regional Euro Atlantic Camp REACT. Within a panel, he also discussed the topic "Montenegro in modern international relations" with the participants.

4 September

- Chair of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants Andrija Nikolić took part in this year's 12th Bled Strategic Forum, held on 4 and 5 September. This year's forum, under the title "New Reality", was devoted to finding answers and manners for adjusting to the new realities brought by globalisation and digitalisation, as well as to promoting innovations for comprehensive and sustainable future. Within the margins of the Forum, Chair Nikolić had several bilateral meetings.

7 September

- Members of delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Predrag Sekulić and Ervin Ibrahimović took part in the Launching Conference of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies, which took place in the Parliament of the Republic of Portugal, on 7-8 September. The conference was divided in several parts, and main topics during the two-day debate were: Diaspora contribution to European societies, relations with countries of origin and their impact on the development of the country of origin, democratic participation of Diaspora and promotion of inter-cultural dialogue, as well as the role of Diaspora in building cohesive societies.

8 September

- President of the Parliament hosted new Head of the UNICEF Office Osama Makkawi Khogali. President Brajović expressed confidence that the successful joint activities would be continued in the future, as well as that the implementation of the Cooperation Program for Montenegro for the following four years would contribute to the upgrading of the results achieved so far in the area of child protection, social inclusion, and quality education. The new Head of the UNICEF Office to Montenegro has congratulated on previous successes and devotion of our country to reforms in the field of social and child protection, and stressed the importance of cooperation with the Parliament of Montenegro and its relevant committees.

11 September

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović met with the President of the Slovenian Parliament Milan Brglez. During the meeting, it was concluded that Montenegro, as aspirant country to join the European Union, was an example when it comes to the implementation of reforms and fostering the best neighbourly relations without open issues.



12 September

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović

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received in a farewell visit the Cuban Ambassador. During the farewell visit of non-resident Ambassador of Cuba to Montenegro Ms Adela Mayra Ruiz Garcia, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović expressed gratitude for her contribution to development of traditionally good and friendly relations of Montenegro and Cuba, which originate from the time of Yugoslavia.



- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović received newly-appointed Ambassador of Austria to Montenegro. During the inaugural visit of Austrian Ambassador to Montenegro Ana Janković to President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović, they expressed mutual pleasure over the continuously good relations, with intensive communication at all levels.
- Members of the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration and of the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports met with the expert team regarding the preparation of the Media Sector Analysis, within the framework of the joint project of the EU and the Council of Europe. At the meeting, they discussed current legislative framework in the media field and mechanisms for its further development.

13 September

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović opened the High Level Segment held within the Aarhus Convention and the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTR Protocol) in Bečići. This event gathers high-level officials, including ministers, deputy ministers, state secretaries, other heads of delegations, and special guests.

15 September

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović met with representatives of NGOs, such as CEDEM, CDT, CEMI, MANS and GA, which were involved in the monitoring of the election process in Montenegro.

- Chair of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants Andrija Nikolić met with the Director General of the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities Mehmet Köse. During the meeting, Nikolić and Köse spoke about specific activities, experience and good practice in the area of cooperation with the diaspora.
- Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro participated at the working forum in Belgrade on the occasion of International Day of Democracy, during which experiences of parliaments from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia were presented, with regard to improving transparency and openness. Participants of the Forum were the Secretaries General of the parliaments of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, as well as representatives of civil society and international organisations, and the Service of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia. The secretary general gave address on the topics "Models and examples of good practice in the process of promotion of transparency and openness of the Parliament of Montenegro" and "Civic participation in decision-making processes - successful solutions and models in the region".

17 September

- President of the Parliament Ivan Brajović paid a visit to the Kingdom of Maroko, where he met with the President of the House of Representatives Habib El Malki, Prime Minister Saad Eddine El Othmani, State Secretary the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Mouni Bousset and other officials.

19 September

- Chair of the Security and Defence Committee Obrad Mišo Stanišić took part in the OSCE Conference on Security Sector Governance and Reform (SSG/R) on the topic: "Strengthening national SSG/R processes through holistic and inclusive approaches". The conference was organised in order to promote a comprehensive and inclusive approach to national security sector reform processes, recognised as leading in conflict prevention, early warning, crisis management and peacebuilding, exchange of experiences among local, national and international actors in this area, as well as to identify possible ways to strengthen the OSCE's approach to SSG/R.
- Member of the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration MP Miloš Nikolić attended the round table titled "Agreement of the Radio and

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Television of Montenegro with the Government of Montenegro on providing public services”, organised by the OSCE Mission to Montenegro and the Radio and Television of Montenegro with the Government of Montenegro.

- The Parliament of Montenegro, headed by the Secretary General Aleksandar Jovičević, hosted civil servants of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina. During the course of the meeting, representatives of the Service of the Parliament of Montenegro informed the colleagues from the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina with the organisation, manner and functioning of the Montenegrin Parliament Service, legislative procedures, European integration, the Parliamentary Institute, the Research and Education Center, management of documents in the Registry Office and the search of documents on the website of the Parliament of Montenegro. The visit was organised under the support of the OSCE mission to Montenegro.

21 September

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović hosted newly appointed Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Montenegro Abdulsalam Abdulsalam Hareb Obaid Al Romaithi. The interlocutors assessed that Montenegro and the United Arab Emirates served as examples of stability in their regions, and that they were very similar in terms of multi-ethnic, multi-religious and multi-cultural harmony fostered by both states.
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović met with Mexican Ambassador Marco Antonio García Blanco. President Brajović informed the ambassador about the current political situation and Montenegrin foreign policy priorities and expressed his interest in intensifying cooperation in the field of economy, especially the maritime economy, agriculture and the development of small and medium-sized enterprises.

22 September

- Chair of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget Predrag Sekulić and member of the Committee Genci Nimanbegu participated in the International Conference on the topic “Transport Connections of

Europe”. The conference, which took place in Tallinn, was organised for the chairpersons of the economic affairs committees within the parliamentary dimension of the Estonian presidency of the Council of the European Union.

25 September

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović met with Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) of the PR of China Ma Peihua. After visiting the bridge on Đurđevića Tara and works on the section of the highway Bar-Boljare, Brajović and Ma spoke about modalities for strengthening of the parliamentary cooperation, as a basis for further development of economic cooperation between Montenegro and China. Vice Chairman Ma thanked to President Brajović on his personal contribution, which he has been giving for years, to development of Montenegrin-Chinese relations.

26 September

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro met with the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kosovo Behgjet Pacolli, who is paying an official visit to Montenegro. They stressed the importance of further strengthening of parliamentary relations, both through cooperation of parliamentary bodies and friendship groups. The meeting with the Friendship Group was also attended by Vice President of the Parliament Genci Nimanbegu and Chair of the Administrative Committee Luigi Shkrela.

28 September

- Chair of the Committee on European Integration Adrijan Vuksanović met with Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to Montenegro H.E. Mitja Močnik. The topic of the meeting was further improvement of parliamentary cooperation between Slovenia and Montenegro, which was preceded by the recent visit of the Slovenian National Assembly to the Parliament of Montenegro.
- Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Branimir Gvozdenović and Head of the Friendship Group with the Parliament of Georgia held a meeting with the non-resident Ambassador of Georgia to

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Montenegro based in Budapest H.E. Zaza Kandelaki. Vice President Gvozdenović and Ambassador Kandelaki exchanged opinions with regard to further development of inter-state relations, especially via the parliamentary cooperation mechanism within friendship groups which exist in both parliaments.

- Chair of the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants met the Austrian Ambassador to Montenegro. Austria will continue to be one of the most prolific advocates of the European Union enlargement on the basis of the "regatta" principle and the achievements of the candidate countries, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to Montenegro H.E. Anna Janković. Both sides expressed satisfaction with the establishment of the Friendship Group with the Parliament of Austria and the need for strengthening contacts at the level of the parliaments of Montenegro and Austria.
- Delegation of the European Parliament, led by EP Vice President Ryszard Czarnecki paid a visit to the Parliament of Montenegro. President Brajović spoke with David Martin, Member of the European Parliament and Co-Chair of Delegation to the EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee (SAPC), on numerous internal and issues from the European agenda of Montenegro. The interlocutors emphasised the importance of SAPC, as the most significant cooperation mechanism between the European Parliament and Parliament of Montenegro. Members of the SAPC parliamentary delegation - Vice President Branimir Gvozdenović and MP Daliborka Pejović also took part in the conversation with Davin Martin. This meeting was also attended by Željko Aprčović, Chair of the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration, and Adrijan Vuksanović, Chair of the Committee on European Integration.



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- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović gave a speech at the opening of inter-parliamentary conference on the topic: "Independent and Modern Public Administration in the EU and in Enlargement Countries". Among other things, he said that more efficient state administration, de-politicisation of public services, increase of the degree of reliability, predictability, accountability and transparency were key segments to which we should pay more attention in the period to come, in order to become a part of so-called: "European administration area". Željko Aprčović, Chair of the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration, Adrijan Vuksanović, Chair of the Committee on European Integration, Marija Čatović, member of the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration, Mihailo Anđušić, member of the Committee on European Integration and Jovanka Laličić, member of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget also took part in the Conference.



- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ivan Brajović talked with non-residential Ambassador of the IR of Iran Hossein Molla Abdollahi on strengthening parliamentary cooperation as the best way to establish stronger political and economic relations between the two countries. The interlocutors agreed that establishment of friendship groups as well as visits at top and high level would contribute to strengthening of bilateral relations.