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## FOREWORD

*Dear readers,*

You are reading the most important information about the activities of the Parliament of Montenegro in the period from 1 to 30 September, which is, in the form of monthly bulletin "Open Parliament", prepared by the Center for Democratic Transition (CDT) and the Administration of the Parliament of Montenegro.

In September, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted four laws, of which we put a special emphasis on the Law amending the Law on Councillors and MPs, whose adoption represents the fulfilment of one of requirements of the European Commission.

Parliamentary committees deliberated 15 law proposals. Through the exercise of their oversight function, parliamentary committees, among others, debated about the Special Report on the status of personal data protection in Montenegro; Twenty-third quarterly report on all activities within the framework of the EU Stabilisation and Association Process, for the period January - March 2011; Second report on the implementation of commitments under the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between 1 January to 31 March 2011; Government's Action Plan for monitoring the implementation of the recommendations given under the opinion of the EC related to the judiciary, fight against corruption and organized crime as well as the Fifth and Sixth monthly reports on implementation of commitments under the Action Plan for monitoring the implementation of recommendations from the Opinion of the European Commission.

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Given that the bulletin was not published in August due to summer holiday season, in the column Calendar, we also offer an overview of activities for the said month.

I would like to send you the warmest greetings until the next edition of the bulletin while waiting for your opinions, criticisms and suggestions to make this bulletin even better and more interesting.

*Respectfully,  
Dragan Koprivica,  
CDT Executive Director*



## LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

**During September, Parliament adopted four laws.**

**At the Sitting of the First Extraordinary Session in 2011**, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted a Proposal for the Law amending the Law on General Education.

**At the Sitting of the Second Extraordinary Session in 2011**, the Parliament of Montenegro adopted the following laws:

The Law amending the Law on Municipal Councillors and Members of Parliament and Law Amending the Law on Montenegrin Citizenship.

**At the Sitting of the Third Extraordinary Session in 2011**, the Parliament adopted a Proposal for the Law amending the Law on Higher Education.

### *Law proposals considered before committees*

- **Proposal for a Law Amending the General Law on Education** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the leading Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sport and the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation and the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Election of Municipal Councillors and Members of Parliament** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation and the Committee on Political system, Judiciary and Administration.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Montenegrin Citizenship** considered and submitted to



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the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation and the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms and the Committee on Political system, Judiciary and Administration.

- **Proposal for a Law on Rafting** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Peaceful Resolution of Labour Disputes considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law on Protection of Competition** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law on Technical Requirements for Products and Conformity Assessment** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Optical**



**Discs** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.

- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on the Mountain Paths** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Higher Education** considered and submitted to the Parliament for approval by the leading Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sport and the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law on Investment Funds** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Economics, Finance and Budget and the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law on Territorial Organization of Montenegro** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration and the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation.
- **Proposal for a Law on Lobbying** considered and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on State Audit Institution** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Economics, Finance and Budget.
- **Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Inspection Supervision** considered and submitted to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Political system, Judiciary and Administration.

## OVERSIGHT ACTIVITY

- Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms considered a Special Report on Personal Data Protection in Montenegro, which, according to the Conclusion of the Parliament, was submitted by the Personal Data Protection Agency and Report on the Operation and Allocation of Resources of the Fund for Minorities for 2010, which was submitted by the Fund for Minorities.
- After the introductory notes of a representative of the proposer and a very constructive discussion with the participation of the Committee members, with nine votes "for" and two "abstained" the Committee supported the Special Report on Personal Data Protection in Montenegro with an overview of activities conducted as a part of the implementation of the Law on Improving the Situation in Personal Data Protection for the period from 1 January to 1 July 2011. Also, the Committee supported the Report on the Operation and



Allocation of Resources of the Fund for Minorities for 2010 with six votes "for", one vote "against" and three "abstained".



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- Committee on International Relations and European Integration held the session at which it considered two reports prepared by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration. At the session attended by the State Secretary for European Integration Slavica Milacic, two following reports were considered: Twenty-third Quarterly Report on overall activities within the EU Stabilisation and Association Process for the period January - March 2011 and the Second Report on Implementation of Obligations under the Stabilisation and Association Agreement from 1 January to 31 March 2011.

Committee members accepted the assessments contained in the two said reports and reiterated the commitment of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration to maintain, in the future, a high level and high quality of communication with government officials about the issues related to European integration.

- Committee on International Relations and European Integration held the session at which it considered the Government's Action Plan for monitoring the implementation of recommendations under the Opinion of the European Commission related to judiciary, fight against corruption and organized crime. The session was attended by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice Dusko Markovic who presented the results achieved in the areas of the rule of law, fight against corruption and organized crime.

It was assessed at the Committee session that, by virtue of the normative infrastructure and its implementation, inter-institutional collaboration and cooperation with international institutions, Montenegro has achieved tangible results in these areas, with the reminder that it is necessary to continue implementation of the initiated activities.

In addition, the session also highlighted the belief that the total efforts that Montenegro has invested in achieving European values, i.e. the joint work of the Parliament and the Government of Montenegro towards attainment of European values, would result in a positive opinion of the European Commission.

On 15 September, the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms organized a public forum at the Office for Education and Rehabilitation of Persons with Hearing and Speech Disorders in Kotor. The forum was organized under the title: "Children's Rights - Implementation of the Law on Education of Children with Special Educational Needs", within the implementation of the Work plan of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms for the period from December 2010 until October 2011. In addition to the chairperson and members of the Committee, representatives of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms in Montenegro, UNICEF and NGO Parents' Association of Children and Youth with Disabilities "Our initiative," as well as

the Elementary School "National Hero Savo Ilic, Centre for Social Work in Kotor and Secretariat for Culture, Sports and Social Activities in the municipality of Kotor also took part in the discussion. The discussion also involved a number of employees in the Office, of which some used to be beneficiaries of the institution. Participants in the public forum had the opportunity to, in a constructive dialogue, exchange views and opinions on the Children's Rights, with special emphasis on the implementation of the Law on Education of Children with Special Educational Needs. Members of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms agreed that the public forum was very successful and that it contributed to the analysis of respect for and the exercise of children's rights and the assessment of the implementation of the said law.



- Committee on International Relations and European Integration and National Council for European Integration held a joint session, at which they considered the Fifth and Sixth monthly report on the implementation of commitments under the Action Plan for monitoring the implementation of recommendations under the Opinion of the European Commission. Minister for Foreign Affairs and European Integration Milan Rocen and State Secretary for European Integration Slavica Milacic attended the session.
- At the joint meeting, it was agreed that the Government and the Parliament of Montenegro carried out its commitments successfully. Reports showed that a lot of work was done efficiently. It was concluded that the role of the Parliament of Montenegro would be very important in subsequent phases of the European integration, especially in terms of strengthening the oversight function of the negotiation process that we all expect, and which was evident from the present performance of those present and their commitment to continue to contribute to European and democratic integration processes.

The joint session was also concluded with the statement that there was a broad consensus of all political and other social stakeholders on the occasion of the European integration of Montenegro and its entry into the family of European nations.



## NEWS FROM PARLIAMENT



### *Third Regional Conference of Parliamentary Working Bodies for Oversight of Security and Intelligence Services from the South East Europe countries (7-8 September)*

The Third Regional Conference of parliamentary Working Bodies for Oversight of the Security and Intelligence services from the countries of the South-eastern Europe was held in Belgrade on 7 and 8 September 2011. The conference was entitled: "Parliamentary Control of Intelligence and Security Services within the System of Confidential Data."

On the first day of the conference, the opening speeches were followed by the discussion under the subject of safeguarding confidential data, with an emphasis on established standards and best practice examples; reviewed comparative experiences in terms of access to data marked with a degree of secrecy by parliamentary working bodies for the oversight of the intelligence and security services and presented experiences of parliamentary working bodies of the participating countries regarding the access to classified information, the scope and limitations of rights, with special reference to the implementation of security clearance.

On the second day of the conference, during the first session, there was the discussion about the role of independent state bodies in parliamentary oversight of the work of security and intelligence services within the system of confidential data. The second session was dedicated to the concept of relative protection of personal data and data confidentiality and also to the protection of human rights and public accountability of security services.

At the end of the conference, it was jointly agreed that such meetings enhance mutual understanding among the parliaments of the participating countries and the Third Regional Conference contributed significantly to the continuation of good cooperation between parliamentary committees responsible for the oversight of the security and intelligence sector of the countries in the region.

The Third Report on the Implementation of the Action plan adopted.

The Collegium of the President of Parliament, at its 159<sup>th</sup> meeting, held on 13 September 2011, passed the Conclusion on adoption of the Third Quarterly Report on the Implementation of the Action Plan for Strengthening Legislative and Oversight Role of Parliament of Montenegro for the period from 1 June to 1 September 2011. The report in textual and tabular form presented achievements and the degree of implementation of activities under the Action Plan for Strengthening the Legislative and Oversight Role of the Parliament of Montenegro, which was adopted by the Collegium of the President of Parliament in December 2010.

It was noted that in the period from the adoption of the Action Plan until 1 September 2011, of the total 29 measures, which were planned to be implemented within the said time period, 20 measures were fully and two partially implemented, while the activities on the implementation of seven measures have been underway, whereas the deadline for one of them was postponed. Within the Action Plan, there are five measures, which have been carried out continuously, as it was originally planned. By the end of the third quarter of 2011, two measures are planned to be implemented, preparatory activities of which are underway. The Action Plan contains over 30 measures and activities related to the adoption of laws and other regulations, improving the efficiency of work of Parliament and its working bodies, strengthening administrative capacity and further increasing of openness and transparency of work, with defined indicators, holders of activities and deadlines. This plan also envisages quarterly reporting on the implementation of identified activities to the Collegium of the President of Parliament.

### *Meeting of Chairpersons of Committees on Economy in Warsaw (11-12 September)*

Within parliamentary activities organized as a part of the Polish Presidency of the European Union, chairpersons of the Committee on Economy held a meeting in Warsaw on 11 and 12 September, at which Deputy Chairperson of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget Zoran Vukcevic took part.

The meeting of chairpersons was focussed on energy policy of the European Union for the period until 2020. The meeting also discussed the needs and possibilities of financing the EU energy policy until 2020, objectives and implementation of the EU energy policy

in the times of economic crisis in the European Union, and the role and opportunities of the European Investment Bank in co-financing of the EU energy policy.

By obtaining the candidate status for membership in the European Union on 17th December 2010, Montenegro, fulfilled the condition for the participation of the Parliament of Montenegro, as an observer, in parliamentary meetings of representatives of national parliaments of EU member states, which are organized during the half year, rotating presidency of the European Union.



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### *President Krivokapic in his official visit to Bosna and Herzegovina (15–16 September)*

President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic stayed in his official visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina from 14 -16 September 2011.

During the first day of the visit, Krivokapic met with the highest state officials in Sarajevo, the chairman of the House of Representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina Denis Becirovic and Chairman of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina Ognjen Tadic. During the meeting it was assessed that the relations between Montenegro and BiH were an excellent example of good neighbourly relations and a model of successful cooperation in the region, which has given the best contribution to its development and stability. The President recalled that the Bosnia and Herzegovina was among the first countries that recognized the independence of Montenegro and pointed out that diplomatic relations were established on 14 September 2006, exactly five years ago. Krivokapic reminded of 2008, when he was in his first official visit to Bosnia since the restoration of Montenegro's independence, adding that both countries are now at the stage of fruitful cooperation that brings direct benefits to citizens, which also shows the level of achieved political maturity. Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina have shown that mature states are ready to further arrange and enhance their relations, speakers emphasized. According to the speakers, parliamentary cooperation has been very good, which confirms the fact that the Parliament of Montenegro established a

new Parliamentary Friendship Group between Montenegro and BiH in 2010, and that BiH Parliamentary Assembly adopted Decision on Appointment of Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Group with Montenegro in January 2008.

On the second day of his visit, President of Montenegro Parliament Ranko Krivokapic met in Banja Luka with the President of the National Assembly Igor Radojicic, President of the Republic Srpska Milorad Dodik and Prime Minister of the Republic Srpska Aleksandar Dzombic. President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic and President of the National Assembly of the Republic Srpska Igor Radojicic exchanged views on the priorities of foreign and home policy, the situation in the region, as well as directions for future cooperation between the two countries. President of Parliament Ranko Krivokapic during the talks with President of the Republic Srpska Milorad Dodik stressed that Montenegro was now in the position, after receiving an expected notification to start accession negotiations soon, to be precisely the one that will keep the flame of the EU candidate status alive. At the meeting with Prime Minister of the Republic Srpska Aleksandar Dzombic, they exchanged views on economic cooperation between Montenegro and the Republic Srpska, and acknowledged a continuing trend towards increasing cooperation. They exchanged opinions on possible joint projects that would result in the job creation and investment growth.

### *Meeting of Chairpersons of Committees on Finance in Warsaw (18–19 September)*

Two-days meeting of chairpersons of Finance Committees, which brought together parliamentary delegations of the European Union and candidate countries for the EU membership, was held in Warsaw on 18 and 19 September.

The message sent after the joint meeting was related to the inseparability of knowledge, employment and entrepreneurship, and the need for structural reforms and financial sector reforms with the necessary investment in knowledge, research and innovation at the national level. In particular, the need for adoption of a new pack-

age of regulations of the European Union 'six-pack' was emphasized, which, according to parliamentarians would, in many ways, improve and reform the existing system of European economic governance. When it comes to financial supervision, parliamentarians agreed it should be strengthened at the national level, and higher degree of solidarity and responsibility should be pursued.

Aleksandar Damjanovic the Chairman of the Committee on Economics, Finance and Budget participated in the meeting of chairpersons of Finance Committees on behalf of the Parliament of Montenegro.

### *Meeting of Chairpersons of the Committee on Agriculture in Warsaw (25–26 September)*

Two-days meeting of chairpersons, held in Warsaw on 25 and 26 September, which brought together parliamentarians of the EU member states and candidate countries for the EU membership was devoted to various aspects of dealing with the issue of the Common Agriculture Policy for the period 2014 - 2020.

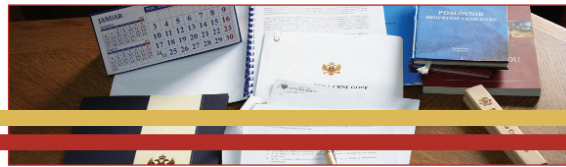
At the meeting of chairpersons, the participation of parliamentary delegations from the countries,

which were granted the EU candidate status, were welcomed.

Member of Parliament Branko Čvor, in his capacity as the chief of delegation, participated in the meeting of chairpersons of Committees on Agriculture, in front of the Parliament of Montenegro. Ambassador of Montenegro to the Republic of Poland, HE Ivan Lekovic was also a member of the Montenegrin delegation.



## IN FOCUS



### *Law Amending the Law on Municipal Councillors and Members of Parliament Adopted*

The Law Amending the Law on Municipal Councillors and Members of Parliament was adopted on September 8, at the sitting of the second extraordinary session of Parliament of Montenegro in 2011.

In 2007, after the adoption of the Constitution, the Parliament of Montenegro had the task to align the election law with the Constitution, and in doing so, it was guided by the ODIHR/Venice Commission recommendations. After numerous meetings of multi-party working group for drafting a Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Election of Municipal Councillors and Members of Parliament, and later meetings of the Collegium of President of Parliament, at a meeting held on 22 August 2011, there was majority agreement achieved on the text of the Proposal for a Law and concluded that the Proposal for a Law should be submitted by five chairpersons of party caucuses, on behalf of members of their respective party clubs. The Proposal for a Law was submitted by the chairpersons or the authorized representatives of party caucuses: DPS, SNP, SDP and PzP. After being considered before the leading Committee on Political System and Judiciary, which unanimously supported the law proposal and proposed it to the Parliament for adoption, Law was adopted on 8 September, which, at the same time, represented a fulfilment of one of the recommendations of the European Commission.

The main debate, during the drafting of the Proposal for a Law Amending the Law on Election of Councillors and MPs, was conducted around authentic representation of minorities in assemblies of minority nation and minority national communities, as well as around a part relating to electoral rights.

This Law now provides all the persons who were on the voters list on the day of its entry into force, and without data on citizenship or with the citizenship of any of the republics of the former SFRY republics, to remain on the voters list, under the condition to, in a certain period of time, or until 31 December 2012, submit the necessary evidence of Montenegrin citizenship. Amendments to the Law on Citizenship adopted on 8 September provide a solution for the citizens who struggle to get the release from citizenship of another state. Thus, citizens of any of the former SFRY republics who registered residence in Montenegro at least two years before 3 June 2006 and have the identification card issued in accordance with the Law on Identity Cards, which was in force, at the time of its publication, may acquire Montenegrin citizenship through nat-

uralization provided that they did not unregister their residency in Montenegro before submitting the application, and that they meet other conditions stipulated by the Law. The request for admission to Montenegrin citizenship may be submitted to the competent authority not later than 31 January 2012, whereas the applicant is also required to deliver a written statement about his or her acceptance of the rights and duties of Montenegrin citizenship, along with a request for admission to Montenegrin citizenship to the competent authority.

Amendments to the Law provides that the candidate lists representing a specific minority nation or minority national community as specified in the election application, title of the candidate list will participate in the allocation of seats, provided that none of them reaches the threshold of 3%, but if the lists individually gain no less than 0,7% of the valid votes, they are entitled to participate in the allocation of seats as a summary list with a total of number of valid votes received, whereas the calculation of mandates will only recognize the adding up of votes corresponding to the 3% upper limit of the total number of valid votes on the lists. This right is to be used by the candidate lists representing a specific – the same minority nation, or specific – the same minority national community, with the participation up to 15% of the total population in the electoral unit, according to the data from the most recent population census.

Following the adoption of the Law Amending the Law on Election of Councillors and MPs, from the cabinet of the European Commissioner for EU Enlargement Stefan Fule, it was recommended that "Montenegro's commitment to European integration and political consensus on the EU agenda are strong assets in its path to membership."



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## FROM THE ARCHIVES: HISTORY OF MONTENEGRIN PARLIAMENTARISM



**Sermon by which his Royal Highness Prince  
and Sovereign of Montenegro  
Nikola I**

**Opened the session of the National Assembly  
convened on St. Luca's Day,  
18 October 1906**

**Dear Members of Parliament,**



New conception opened a wide field of work in all directions of the state and nation's life...

To maintain a sound basis of the proper funding, a real balance between revenue and expenditure is necessary, and it is achieved only by the introduction of true savings at all levels of public administration, strengthening of economic resources and general administration reorganization. My Government shall submit the Budget Law, Law on State Treasury and Accounting, which are requirements that are essential for proper management. In addition, the Government shall submit the new Law on Organization of the General State Control and Law on Taxes.

For a better and more reasonable allocation of the state taxes, the Government shall begin with preparatory activities aimed at amending the customs, tax on agricultural products and tax system in general, primarily starting with cadastral land surveying.

At the same time the Government works and, in the future, will invest serious efforts in establishing business schools, and developing all the branches of national production and trade, given that the financial power of the state depends on the economic strength of the nation.

Having in mind that a well-functioning municipality represents a natural and healthy foundation for the entire state administration, My Government is determined to re-

solve this issue in the spirit of the Constitution on the basis of the local self-government.



Those who are more skilful, honest and educated shall be hired and given the opportunity for advancement in the civil service. In order to educate as many professionals as possible, this year the Government determined to offer a significant support to the outstanding students in vocational and high schools as well as higher schools abroad.



Fundamental principle of the rule-of-law-state is that the law is in front of everyone's will, and only by guaranteeing court justice, by rapid passage and enforcement of court rulings, personal and property safety shall be reinforced. Special laws, which shall be filed to the National Assembly, and the number of professionals, which will gradually grow, shall even more guarantee and accelerate the imposition of justice.



**Dear Members of Parliament,**

In order to carry out such a huge and demanding task that my Government successfully started, it shall take a lot of work, time and perseverance. I hope that the National Assembly shall support My Government to carry out these tasks, to further raise the reputation of our beloved country, to further equip it for the performance of tasks given by history.



**Cetinje, 26 October 1906.  
Nikola, handwritten signature**

*Montenegrin Laws, IV, ed. B. Pavicevic, R. Raspopovic,  
Podgorica 1998, 372-376.*

## FROM GALLERY OF PARLIAMENT

***Anton Lukateli: "Miners", 1948 oil on canvass, 54,5 x 33,7 cm***

Anton Lukateli, a photographer by profession, one of the founders of the Association of Fine Artists of Montenegro, the editor of "Illustrated Pobjeda", Director of the scenery in Avala film and influential filmmaker, considered one of the bards of Montenegrin fine arts.

His works were created in the period of lively and impressive momentum of Montenegrin artists who were, at that time, more and more open to current international artistic trends, although their creation was still marked by strong ideas of social realism, which is also evident in Lukateli's canvas "Miners", which is in possession of the Parliament.



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## CALENDAR OVERVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITIES IN AUGUST



### 3 August

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic sent congratulations to President of the Pluzine Municipality Mijusko Bajagic, President and Councillors of the Municipal Assembly and the citizens of Pluzine on the occasion of the Day of Municipality, 4th August.

### 10 August

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic met in Podgorica Foreign Minister of Germany Guido Westerwelle. They reiterated that it is the upper time for the adoption of the Election Law, especially having in mind the Opinion of the European Commission stating that Montenegro would particularly need to meet the following key priorities "improving the electoral legal framework in line with the recommendations of the Venice Commission/OSCE-ODIHR, strengthening the legislative and oversight role of Parliament." They agreed that the momentum of the adoption of the electoral legislation was at the moment crucial and decisive for obtaining the date of negotiations with the EU. They jointly pointed out to the importance of the recommendations of the European Union - Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee, which "Welcomed the fact that the process of establishing the legal and constitutional framework of the country has

almost been finalised and noted the need for close cooperation between all political entities in order for the process to be completed; called on all political parties to reach a consensus on the draft electoral law without further delay in line with the recommendations of the OSCE-ODIHR and the Venice Commission;

### 22 August

- Members of the Security and Defence Committee attended a farewell ceremony for the Fourth Contingent of the Army of Montenegro, which would be referred to the ISAF mission in Afghanistan.

### 27 August

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic sent congratulations to President of the Municipality of Kolasin Mileta Bulatovic, President and Councillors of the Municipal Assembly and the citizens of Kolasin, on the occasion of the Day of Kolasin, 28th August.

### 30 August

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic sent congratulations to the Reis of the Islamic Community in Montenegro, Rifat Fejzic and all the faithful on the occasion of the upcoming Muslim Eid Ramadan.

## PARLIAMENTARY GLOSSARY

**DIALOGUE**<sup>1</sup> is creation. We enter the dialogue with one opinion and arguments, and we leave it with much better arguments and solutions. Being ready for the encounter and dialogue, it means to enable yourself to stay open for other different opinions, positions and to face the new arguments. Only from the encounter of different opinions and arguments, it is possible to find the right road and right agreement.

Old Greeks used to make the best decisions through dialogue, discussion and agreement. Where there is no dialogue, no conversation and agreement, there are no legitimate decisions for all. They considered the force and violence to be mute and that is the reason why they did not leave any space to them in politics. When there is no dialogue in politics, then there are orders and application of force and violence. Even the most challenging problems can be solved through the dialogue. The dialogue even corrects our opinions about ourselves and others, our delusions and prejudices, our limits and possible sins. Where there is no dialogue in politics, the problems are just deepened, new fights are opened, crises expanded and it finally leads to wars.

The dialogue is a mean in political communication, and is one of important elements of democratic political culture. There is no democratic political culture without dialogue. A well-arranged democratic order cannot be developed or functioning without dialogue.

<sup>1</sup> Source: Encyclopedia of Political Culture, Savremena administracija, Beograd, 1993.; text written by professor Čedomir Čupic, Politics and Evil, Fakultet politickih nauka, Čigoja stampa, Beograd, 2002.





# CALENDAR



## 1 September

- President of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration Miodrag Vukovic received a non-resident Ambassador of the Kingdom of Netherlands. At the meeting, they discussed the forthcoming visit of parliamentary delegation of the Kingdom of Netherlands to the Parliament of Montenegro.

## 5 September

- Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Rifat Rastoder received Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to Montenegro Izmir Talic. At the meeting, among other things, they talked about the current situation in the Balkans.
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic received in Budva the President of the Republic of Slovenia Danilo Tirk. During the meeting, they discussed the current political situation, and the President of Slovenia was particularly interested in the process of Montenegro's accession to the EU, focusing on the electoral law and the next phase of the process. They also exchanged views on the past achievements of Montenegro in overall reform, the process of harmonization of legislation with European legislation, its dynamics, as well as further challenges on the road to EU and important issues - combating crime and corruption, rule of law, human rights and others.

## 9 September

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic met in Podgorica President of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg Mr. Jean-Paul Costa. They jointly agreed that Montenegro was ready for the next phase of integration, which is best evidenced by its results - sustained political stability, a wide social and political consensus on European integration, progress in meeting European standards, a positive example of good neighbourly relations and regional cooperation, and the overall constructive approach to relations with all European partners.

## 12 September

- Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Željko Šturanovic hosted a farewell visit for Ambassador of the Republic of Korea His Excellency Kim Jonghae.

## 13 September

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic received in Budva the President of the Slovak Republic Ivan Gasparovic. During the meeting they discussed the political situation, the process of Montenegro's accession to the EU with a focus on the next phase of integration, regional cooperation and relations, as well as the current cooperation programme between the two countries. They exchanged opinions and on the recent achievements of Montenegro in the process of harmonization of national legislation with European legislation, the dynamics of this process, and further challenges on the path towards the EU.

## 14 September

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic met in Podgorica Commander of NATO Allied Joint Forces in Naples Mr. Samuel Locklear. They exchanged views on the current international and regional issues and on Montenegro's progress in the integration into NATO.
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic met in Podgorica the Chief Israel Rabbi Yona Metzger. They exchanged views on current international and regional issues related to the position of the Jewish community.

## 16 September

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic paid an official visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina, where he met with top state officials, the Chairman of the House of Representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina Denis Becirovic, Chairman of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina Ognjen Tadic, President of the National Assembly of the Republic Srpska Igor Radojicic, President of the Republic Srpska Milorad Dodik and Prime Minister of the Republic Srpska Aleksandar Dzombic.
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic sent congratulations to President of the Municipality of Žabljak Isailo Šljivancanin, President and Councillors of the Municipal Assembly and citizens of Žabljak on the occasion of the Day of the Žabljak Municipality, 17 September.

## 17 September



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# CALENDAR



- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic sent congratulations to President of the Niksic Municipality Nebojsa Radojicic, President and Councillors of the Municipal Assembly and the citizens of Niksic on the occasion of the Day of the Municipality, 18th September.

## 20 September

- Vice-President of the Parliament of Montenegro Željko Šturanovic met in Podgorica, President of the Supreme Court and the National Council of the Republic of Hungary Andras Bake. President of the Supreme Court of Montenegro Vesna Medenica also attended the meeting.

## 22 September

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic received in Podgorica the delegation of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference led by Mr. Chen Kui-yuan, CPPCC Vice President. During the meeting they exchanged views on parliamentary cooperation and the political and economic situation.

## 23 September

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic sent congratulations to the Administration of Coal Mine in Pljevlja and miners on the occasion of the Day of Miners.

## 26 September

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic received the newly appointed UNICEF Representative in Montenegro Benjamin Perks. In a cordial and open discussion, they expressed their belief that the current very close cooperation and partnership would be continued during the UNICEF Programme for Montenegro 2012-2016, and during the term of office of the new UNICEF country representative.

## 27 September

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic received H.E. Ambassador of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta Enrico Tuccillo. Both of them described their longer conversation to be the first step towards achieving fruitful cooperation between the Order of Malta and the Parliament.

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic hosted a farewell visit for the Ambassador of Slovenia H. E. Jernej Videtic. They jointly assessed that along with the intensified political dialogue, cooperation between Montenegro and Slovenia was very meaningful in all areas and that in recent years and it was further improved in the field of European and Euro-Atlantic integration, economy, justice, culture, tourism, health and transport.

## 28 September

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic received the newly appointed Extraordinary, Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Germany to Montenegro H.E. Pius Fischer. In a longer discussion, they emphasized the good bilateral relations between the two countries and the importance of intensifying political contacts during 2011.

## 30 September



- President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic met the EU High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina Mr. Valentin Incko. In a long, open discussion they featured previous intensive cooperation between Bosnia and Herzegovina and its entities and our country, and underlined the great success that Montenegro made towards the European integration and cooperation with neighbours.
- On the occasion of the Day of Rozaje, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapic sent congratulations to President of the Municipality Nusret Kalac, President and Councillors of the Municipal Assembly and the citizens of Rozaje.
- An MP Ljerka Dragicevic had a meeting with the EU High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina Mr. Valentin Inzko. On that occasion, both sides expressed satisfaction with the intensive cooperation between Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina.



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## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES


1 September 2011 - 31 December 2011


SEPTEMBER						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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NOVEMBER						
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DECEMBER						
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 Dates reserved for parliament sessions

 18 weekends and state holidays


 Parliament sessions


 OSCE Parliamentary Assembly


 Committee meetings


 Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly


 MPs day

 Inter-Parliamentary Union

 Provisional date for Parliamentary Questions

 NATO Parliamentary Assembly

  MPs Clubs' meetings are held at free time

 Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee



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