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# FOREWORD BY THE SPEAKER OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

#### DEAR CITIZENS OF MONTENEGRO.

The text in front of you is the Performance Report of the Parliament of Montenegro, covering the period ranging as of the constitution of the 23rd Plenum in October 2006 to the end of 2007. I hope the 2008 Performance Report will be available to you in the first quarter of 2009.

It is our wish to share with you the information of our activities, successes, failures, with the intention to receive from you suggestions, and guidelines on how to plan our further work.

By restituting the independence of Montenegro, we took Montenegro back to the map of independent countries with a clear determination to arrange Montenegro as a state of the Euro-Atlantic system of values.

The greatest memorable success of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Plenum is the enactment of the Constitution of Montenegro, which protects the independence and gives the legal grounds for the democratic society development, the rule of law and the social welfare. On those grounds, we have entered into the contractual relation with the European Union - through the Stabilization and Association Agreement signed in October 2007.

During 2007, the amendments to the existing and the enactment of the new fundamental laws were completed, thus ensuring the continuance of the approximation of Montenegrin legislation to both the international standards and the EU directives. A regulatory environment has been created for implementing the European standards in the judicature, as well as in the national security system, with the aim to strengthen the rule of law as a key factor of a further development of the country.

The economic reform processes have been continued as well and the creation of conditions for an effective market economy development.



Through its political cooperation with the neighboring countries and international partners, Montenegro reaffirmed its commitments to accelerate the EU integrations. We are proud of preserving multiethnic and multi-religious harmony and stability, which will remain a strong branch in the root of the millennium standing of our motherland.

I believe that we have reasons to be satisfied with both the quality and the dynamic of what we have achieved since the proclamation of independence so far.

Challenges are ahead of us and our intention is to find a solution thereto together with you.

Sincerely,

#### Ranko Krivokapić

#### ▶ Plenary Room





## FOREWORD BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

#### DEAR CITIZENS OF MONTENEGRO,

It is my pleasure to present you the Performance Report of the Parliament of Montenegro, covering the period ranging as of the constitution of the 23rd Plenum in October 2006 to the end of 2007.

Detailed information of plenary sessions, activities of working bodies, an intensive international cooperation, work of the Parliamentary Delegations and cooperation with NGOs and international organizations are contained herein.

Transparency and openness are the fundamental principles the Parliament follows in its work. The Parliament acts in the name of citizens, so all activities in the Parliament influence their lives. One of the methods of getting the citizens acquainted with the Parliament's work, i.e. with their performance, is publishing the report on its work. Through the production and publication of such reports, the Parliament of Montenegro expresses the accountability to those that elected them, and promotes mutual understanding and encourages discussions on the improvement of the activities to be pursued in the future.

I believe that the Report would be interesting both to the citizens and to media and a broader public, Deputies, political parties and to all institutions that, in a way, are oriented to cooperate with the Parliament of Montenegro. Besides, I hope that the details contained herein will be a useful material and a source of information for students and expert public as regards political and legal reality.

I hope that, thought our work, we are going to contribute to the establishment of regulatory and control preconditions for the successful and democratic Montenegro that will soon become a member of the European family. Besides, I am convinced that, in such manner, also the Parliament gives their contribution to put in place a participative civil and political culture in which the institutions are the services to the citizens.



This is my opportunity to highlight the important role of the Support Service within the Parliament of Montenegro, as being professional, high quality and conscientious service available to the Parliament of Montenegro and making their best to enable this legislative body to reach the best possible performance.

I also believe that the high working standards reached by the servants within the Parliament in 2006 and 2007, the results of whom are presented herein as well, will pursue the ascending line. The Parliament of Montenegro has started to be a modern parliament of the European rank, so the staff in the Parliament's Support Service are proud of their irreplaceable role in the endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

#### Milan Radović

▶ Press Conference space in the Parliament's Lobby





#### 1. STAFF

#### 1.1. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION OF 2006

The election of Deputies to the Parliament was held on September 10, 2006 and 81 Deputies were elected then. The election of Deputies was held in Montenegro as in the single constituency, where five of the total number of Deputies were voted at all polling stations designated by the separate Resolution taken by the Parliament.

The Parliament that was constituted on October 02, 2006 was the 23rd Plenum of the Montenegrin Parliament. It was constituted and it started its functions as the Constituent Assembly with the task to enact the Constitution of the Independent Montenegro and, thereafter, to continue its work in a for-year term of office as the Parliament. The Constituent Assembly, in its convocation on October 22, 2006, proclaimed the new Constitution of Montenegro and the Constitutional Law on the Enforcement of the Constitution as enacted, both approved by the two-third majority on October 19, 2006. Upon the very enactment thereof, the Constituent Assembly has started their functions as the Parliament.

The Parliamentary Election took place on September 10, 2006, resulting in the following composition of the Parliament of Montenegro:

RESULTS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OF 2006, ACCOMPANIED BY THE NUMBER OF SEATS

Political Party/Coalition	Election results, in %	Number of Deputies to the Parliament of Montenegro	Representation in the Parliament of Montenegro, in %
DPS-SDP	48.62	41	50.62
SL	14.68	12	14.81
SNP-NS-DSS	14.07	11	13.59
PzP	13.13	11	13.59
LP-BS	3.76	3	3.70
DUA	1.09	1	1.23
DSCG-PDP	1.29	1	1.23
AA	0.78	1	1.23
TOTAL	-	81	-



- ► COALITION FOR EUROPEAN MONTENEGRO MILO ĐUKANOVIĆ DPS-SDP - Democratic Party of Socialists of Montenegro, Social Democratic Party of Montenegro. Croatian Civil Initiative (HGI) were given one seat from the DPS' list.
- SERBIAN LIST ANDRIJA MANDIĆ Serb People's Party (SNS), Serbian Radical Party of dr. Vojislav Šešelj, Democratic Party of Unity (DSJ) and People's Socialist Party (NSS).
- ► SNP-NS-DSS COALITION: SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S PARTY OF MONTENEGRO, PEOPLE'S PARTY AND DEMOCRATIC SERB PARTY Socialist People's Party of Montenegro (SNP), People's Party (NS) and Democratic Serb Party (DSS).
- ► MOVEMENT FOR CHANGES NEBOJŠA MEDOJEVIĆ Movement for Changes (PzP).
- ► "LIBERALS AND BOSNIAK PARTY CORRECT IN THE PAST, RIGHT FOR THE FUTURE" MIODRAG MIKO ŽIVKOVIĆ Liberal Party of Montenegro (LPCG) and Bosniak Party (BS).
- **DUA FERHAT DINOŠA Democratic Union of Albanians (DUA).**
- ► COALITION DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE IN MONTENEGRO PARTY FOR DEMOCRATIC PROSPERITY, MEHMET BARDHI Democratic Alliance in Montenegro (DSCG) and Party for Democratic Prosperity (PDP).
- ► ALBANIAN ALTERNATIVE Civil Initiative, Tuzi Group of Citizens.







#### 1.2. ADMINISTRATION OF THE PARLIAMENT

The Constituent Assembly sitting held on October 02, 2006 appointed Ranko Krivokapić as the Speaker. In the continuation of the sitting, held on October 08, 2006, Rifat Rastoder and Slavoljub Stijepović were appointed as Deputy Speakers to the Parliament.

Since the promulgation of the Constitution of Montenegro on October 22, 2006, this Plenum has been functioning as the Parliament of Montenegro.

No Deputy Speaker from the rank of opposition parties has been appointed to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Plenum of the Parliament, regardless such appointment is prescribed under Article 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament. The opposition proposed Goran Danilović, a Deputy from the Serbian List, to be appointed to the function. However, he got insufficient number of votes. Opposition parties decided not to nominate a new candidate to be appointed as a Deputy Speaker.

#### ▶ Heads of the Parliament





#### RANKO KRIVOKAPIĆ, SPEAKER

Born in Kotor on August 17, 1961.

A graduate Lawyer; Oral Master's Examination in International Relations passed at the Faculty of Law in Belgrade.



#### **EMPLOYMENT ENGAGEMENTS:**

- Speaker of the Parliament of Montenegro as of October 22, 2007, and Head of the Parliament of Montenegro Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.
- After the referendum on the state status of Montenegro and the victory of the Coalition "For European Montenegro DPS SDP" in October 2006, he was elected as the Speaker of the Constituent Assembly of the Republic of Montenegro.
- Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro as of 2003 to 2006.
- President of the SDP Deputy Group in the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro from 1998 to 2003.
- ▶ Elected as a Deputy to six Plenums of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro first time being in 1989 as well as to the Parliament of both the FRY and the State Union of S&M during the period from 1993 to 1997 and from 2003 to 2006 respectively.

#### POLITICAL ENGAGEMENTS:

- President of the Social Democratic Party of Montenegro.
- A fonder and a long-standing Vice President of the Social Democratic Party, which is a full member of the Socialist International.
- Political career started in the late 80s. He was a member of the Presidency of the Reform Forces for Montenegro in 1990.

NATIONALITY: Montenegrin

MARITAL STATUS: Married: the father of two children.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES: English speaking person.



#### SLAVOLJUB STIJEPOVIĆ, DEPUTY SPEAKER

Born in Titograd, on May 02, 1959.

Graduated from the Faculty of Law in Titograd, in 1981.



#### **EMPLOYMENT ENGAGEMENTS:**

- As of March 1984 to March 1991 a trainee, an independent agent, Director of General, Legal and Self-Governing Service in GRO "Prvoborac" in Herceg Novi;
- As of March 1991 to December 1996 Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Welfare:
- As of December 1996 to July 1998 a Minister without portfolio in the Government of the Republic of Montenegro;
- As of July 2001 to January 2003 the Secretary of the Republican Secretariat for Sports;
- As of January 2003 to November 2006 the Minister in the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare;
- As of November 2006 Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro;
- As of 1986 to 1990 the President of the Self-Managing Community of Interest for Physical Education, Podgorica;
- As of 1990 to 1998 Secretary General of the Football Federation of Montenegro;
- As of 1998 to 2001 Vice President of the Football Federation of Montenegro.

NATIONALITY: Montenegrin.

MARITAL STATUS: Married: the father of two children.



#### RIFAT RASTODER, DEPUTY SPEAKER

Born in Bihor near Berane on July 11, 1950. Resides and works in Podgorica, as of 1969.

A journalist, a publicist, Vice President of the Socialist Democratic Party of Montenegro.



#### EMPLOYMENT ENGAGEMENTS:

- Professional journalist as of 1980; engaged in Radio Crne Gore (Radio of Montenegro) as of 1986, as a broadcast journalist, broadcast editor and block radio program editor; a journalist, national policy columnist, independent commentator for the Pobjeda Daily as of the end 1996.
- An associate to "Krug" ("Circle") and "Liberal" ("Liberal") magazines, after protesting against the then editorial policy of the Pobjeda Daily; a journalist and editor in "Monitor" weekly; one of the founders of "Antena-M" Radio,
- Proclaimed the top journalist in 1990; a member of the Association of Independent Journalists of Montenegro.
- Co-author of "Crvena mrlja" ("Red Smear") book; the author of "Usud imena" ("Doomed Name") and "Pravo na ime" ("The Right of Name"); the author of several feuilletons, as well as of studies on human and minority rights, freedoms of media, and alike.
- A distinguished sportsman and a cultural and public ambassador for a long time; the winner of numerous and various sport trophies.

#### POLITICAL ENGAGEMENTS:

- One of the founders and vice-presidents of the Civic Movement: "The Public against Fascism" (1990); a member of the Presidency of the Civic Forum (1990); one of the founders of the Reform Forces for Montenegro (1990).
- ▶ One of the founders of the Social Democratic Party of Montenegro.
- ► Elected as a Deputy to four, and as a Deputy Speaker to three Plenums of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro.

NATIONALITY: Bosniak.

MARITAL STATUS: Married: the father of two children.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES: Russian, and, to a lesser degree, English.



#### MILAN RADOVIĆ, SECRETARY GENERAL

Born in Bijelo Polje, on October 06, 1951.

Graduated from the Faculty of Law in Belgrade. Passed the Bar Examination in Belgrade.



#### **EMPLOYMENT ENGAGEMENTS:**

- A judge in the Basic Court of Bijelo Polje, as of June 14, 1982 to June 29, 1983;
- Deputy District Prosecutor in Bijelo Polje as of June 29, 1983 to November 18, 1993;
- A Higher Prosecutor in Bijelo Polje, as of November 18, 1993 to 1999;
- ► The Presiding Judge in the Higher Court of Podgorica as of July 15, 1999 to July 15, 2003;
- A member of the Judiciary Council as of July 05, 2000 to December 02, 2002;
- Secretary General of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro as of December 18, 2003 to December 18, 2007;
- Reappointed as the Secretary General, in the Parliament Session held on December 27, 2007. The function is ongoing.
- Finished the School For Reserve Officers in Zadar, Croatia, and was ranked as the 1st Rank Artillery Captain;
- ► The Chairperson of the Municipal Electoral Commission in Bijelo Polje, in several mandates:
- Finished the prestigious French National School of Administration (Ecole Nationale d'Administration ENA) in Belgrade and Paris, in 2005/2006;
- A member of the Managing Board of the Lawyers Association of Montenegro as of 2000 to 2008.

#### POLITICAL ENGAGEMENTS:

- A former member of the Municipal Committee of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia, in Bijelo Polje;
- Appointed as a member to the Republican Referendum Commission on State and Legal Status of Montenegro, in the Parliament of Montenegro's session held on March 15, 2006. Appointed by the Republican Referendum Commission as the coordinator of the Block for Independent and Sovereign Montenegro;
- Political party affiliation; Democratic Party of Socialist.

NATIONALITY: Montenegrin.

MARITAL STATUS: Married; the father of three children.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES: Russian speaking person.



#### SLOBODAN DRAGOVIĆ, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL

Born in Bijelo Polje, on January 15, 1949. Resides in Podgorica.

Graduated from the Faculty of Law in Sarajevo. Passed the Bar Examination in Titograd, in 1987.



#### EMPLOYMENT ENGAGEMENTS:

- ► Employed with the Support Service of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro as of June 1977, as an advisor and a senior advisor for political system; an advisor to the Secretary of the Parliament; the Secretary of the Commission on Constitutional Matters:
- As of 1991 to 1999 Assistant Secretary General of the Parliament;
- ► As of 1999 Deputy Secretary General of the Parliament;
- ▶ In addition to the professional function, as of 2004, he has been performing also the duties of the Secretary of Republican Electoral Commission and of a member of the Commission on Determining the Conflict of Interest.

MARITAL STATUS: Married; the father of three children.

#### 1.3. CHANGES IN THE STAFF

In the constituent session held on October 02, 2006, the beginning of the term of office of 81 Deputies<sup>1</sup> of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Plenum of the Parliament was pronounced. Since the establishment to the end of 2007, the original staff of the Parliament of Montenegro has been change in 23 cases.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Plenum, October 02, 2006 - December 31, 2007

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The List of Deputies' names and of the change in the staff referring to the period covered by the present Report can be found as an annex hereto.



#### 1.4. WORKING BODIES OF THE PARLIAMENT

The Chairperson and the members of the Administrative Committee were selected in the 2<sup>nd</sup> sitting of the Second Ordinary Session of the Constituent Assembly of the Republic of Montenegro (the 23<sup>rd</sup> Plenum), held on October 26, 2006, creating thereby the preconditions for the selection of other committees.

The chairpersons and the members of 11 working bodies were selected on November 10, 2006, in the  $4^{th}$  sitting of the  $2^{nd}$  Ordinary Session.

The Chairperson and the members of Constitutional Committee of the Constituent Assembly were selected during the same sitting, the Committee being established to prepare Draft and to approve Proposal Constitution of Montenegro and being composed of 16 members - 9 members of the Parliamentary majority and 8 representatives of the opposition. Ranko Krivokapic was appointed as the Chairperson of the Constitutional Issues Committee. In the first meeting, the Constitutional Committee formed three sub-committees to prepare various areas related texts for the Constitution. The Constitutional Committee approved the Draft Constitution of Montenegro in the 7th and 8th sitting, and tabled it to the Constituent Assembly on March 22, 2007. The Constituent Assembly approved the Draft Constitution of Montenegro and put it into public discussions that lasted from April 04 to May 28, 2007. The Constitutional Committee tabled the Proposal Constitution and the Proposal Constitutional Law to the Constituent Assembly on August 6, 2007. The Constitution and the Constitutional Law were approved in the Constituent Assembly sitting held on October 19, 2007, and they were proclaimed as enacted on October 22, 2007. The Constitutional Committee ceased their work upon the proclamation of both the Constitution of Montenegro and the Constitutional Law for the Enforcement of the Constitution of Montenegro. As of the beginning of their work to the proclamation of the Constitution, all or some of the committees were working every day, and the Constitutional Committee held 16 meetings.

#### ▶ The Parliament of Montenegro Foyer





#### WORKING BODIES OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO, THEIR CHAIRPERSONS AND MEMBERSHIP

Working body	Chairperson	Membership
Constitutional Committee	Ranko Krivokapić	17 <sup>2</sup>
Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee	Miodrag Iličković	13
Committee on Political System, Justice and Administration	Džavid Šabović	12
Security and Defense Committee	Dragan Kujović	13
Committee on International Relations and European Integration	Miodrag Vuković	13
Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	Dragiša Pešić	13
Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	Koča Pavlović	13
Gender Equality Committee	Ljubica Beba Džaković	11
Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning	Božidar Vuksanović	13
Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports	Niko Martinović	11
Committee on Health, Labor and Social Welfare	Hajran Kalač	11
Administrative Committee	Radivoje Nikčević	13

#### 1.5. DEPUTY GROUPS

Seven Deputy Groups were established in the Montenegrin Parliament, as follows:

#### DEPUTY GROUP, THEIR CHIEFS, AND MEMBERSHIP

Deputy Group	Chief	Membership	
Democratic Party of Socialists Deputy Group	Miodrag Vuković	34	
Serbian List Deputy Group	Novak Radulović	12	
Movement for Changes Deputy Group	Srđan Brajović	11	
Socialist People's Party of Montenegro Deputy Group	Velizar Kaluđerović	8	
Social Democratic Party Deputy Group	Ivan Brajović	7	
People's Party Deputy Group - Democratic Serb Party	Dragan Šoć	3	
Liberal Party - Bosniak Party Deputy Group	Kemal Purišić	3	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Constitutional Committee ceased their work upon the proclamation of both the Constitution of Montenegro and the Constitutional Law for the Enforcement of the Constitution of Montenegro, on October 22, 2007.



## 2. LEGISLATIVE AND CONTROL ACTIVITIES OF THE PARLIAMENT

#### 2.1. PARLIAMENT SESSIONS

As of its constitution on October 02, 2006 by the end of 2006 the Parliament of Montenegro approved 17 laws, of which 10 new ones and seven amended and supplemented ones, as well as 27 decrees of which 22 refer to the selection for, appointment to and release from duties.

During 2007, the Parliament of Montenegro passed:

- two constitutional enactments the Constitution of Montenegro and the Constitutional Law on the Enforcement of the Constitution of Montenegro;
- ▶ 103 laws, of which 75 new ones and 28 amended and supplemented ones;
- ▶ 43 decrees, of which 36 refer to the selection for, appointment to and release from duties;
- one Resolution:
- six conclusions



▶ Plenary Room - a detail

#### THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO SESSIONS

Year	No. of sessions	No. of Ordinary Sessions	Total duration of Ordinary Sessions (no. of days)	No of	Total duration of Extraordinary Sessions (no. of days)
Oct Dec. 2006	6	6 <sup>3</sup>	25	-	-
2007	15	14	105	1	1

The Register of the laws approved during the period covered by the present Report is enclosed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> One of these Sessions (the third one) was the convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro dedicated to the 100th Anniversary of the Parliamentary System in Montenegro



#### 2.1.1. INTERPELLATIONS

Pursuant to the provisions under the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament, of the Deputies in the Parliament at minimum may submit interpellations to debate on certain political issues in relation to the Government's performance. The debate upon an interpellation may be closed either by making a conclusion as regards the issues launched by interpellations, or without a conclusion. Upon the debate on an interpellation, a motion of no confidence in the Government may be submitted.

During 2006, i.e. during the period covered by the present Report, no interpellation was on the Parliament's Agenda.

In 2007, there were three interpellations on the Parliament's Agenda, as follows:

- The interpellation to debate the issue of national policy pursued by the Government in the energy sector;
- The interpellation to debate the issue of national policy pursued by the Government in the area of privatization;
- The interpellation to debate on the national policy pursued by the Government in telecommunication sector.

Debating thereon lasted for 23 hours, or 5 hour 50 minutes, 8 hours and 9 hours 10 minutes respectively.

▶ Plenary Room during a session of the Parliament of Montenegro







▶ Parliament of Montenegro Foyer - a detail

#### 2.1.2. PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS AND QUESTIONS TO THE PRIME MINISTER

For the purpose of providing necessary information about certain issues concerning the Government's performance, i.e. concerning the planned policy implementation, any Deputy shall be entitled to pose a parliamentary question to the Government or to a particular Minister, as well as to receive a respond thereto. A parliamentary question may be asked in a separate sitting of the Parliament that is held on two-month basis at minimum within the ordinary session course. The first hour of such separate sitting is dedicated to posing the questions to the Prime Minister and to receive the Prime Minister's responses in relation to the actual issues concerning the Government's work (Questions to the Prime Minister).

During the period as of constituting the Parliament on October 02, 2006 by the end of December 2006, there was no separate sitting dedicated to posing parliamentary questions and questions to the Prime Minister.

In 2007, of 14 sittings during the Ordinary Sessions 4 were dedicated to both the questions to the Prime Minister and parliamentary questions. Twenty-four questions were posed to the Prime Minister during those sittings, and 207 parliamentary questions, as well as 36 additional questions.



#### Parliamentary questions

In 2007, 113 Deputies posed parliamentary questions to the Government and the Ministers. Two hundred and seven parliamentary questions and 36 additional questions total were posed.

- Democratic Party of Socialists Deputy Group posed 9 questions total, and
   1 additional question;
- Serbian List Deputy Group posed 56 questions total and 14 additional questions;
- Movement for Changes Deputy Group posed 63 questions total and 11 additional questions;
- Socialist People's Party of Montenegro Deputy Group posed 53 questions total and 6 additional questions;
- Social Democratic Party Deputy Group posed 3 questions total;
- Liberal Party and Bosniak Party Deputy Group posed 6 questions total and 1 additional question.





#### Questions to the Prime Minister

During 2007, the questions to the Prime Minister were posed by:

- ▶ Democratic Party of Socialists Deputy Group 4 questions;
- Serbian List Deputy Group 4 questions;
- Movement for Changes Deputy Group 4 questions;
- Socialist People's Party of Montenegro Deputy Group 1 question;
- Social Democratic Party Deputy 4 questions;
- ▶ People's Party and Democratic Serb Part Deputy Group 4 questions;
- Liberal Party and Bosniak Party Deputy Group 3 questions.



#### 2.2. COMMITTEES' MEETINGS

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro, in order to consider proposal enactments or to propose enactments or to do parliamentary control and to carry out other duties falling within the scope of the Parliament's competence, the Parliament establishes committees as their working bodies. The effective legislative procedure implies a strong role of such working bodies and, therefore, the new Rules of Procedure of the Parliament, adopted in 2006, is aimed to share the workload between the working bodies and the plenums, along with strengthening the role of standing committees.

For obtaining information or expert opinions as regards proposal enactments that are under the Parliament's consideration and for clarifying both certain solutions contained in any proposed or approved enactment and the issues important for preparing a proposal enactment, as well as for more successful achieving the control function of the Parliament, parliamentary hearings and enquiries may be arranged in the competent (master) committees. The parliamentary hearing can be defined as a method of gathering information used by the Parliament's committees during considering / examining proposed enactments, as well as for the control purposes.

The Table below reflects the activities of committees, during the period as of the constitution of the Parliament, i.e. as of October 02, 2006, to the end of December 2007:

MEETINGS OF THE PARLIAMENT'S COMMITTEES

Committee		Duration of meet- ings (in days)	No. of agenda items under consideration	No. of enquiries	
				Consul- tative	Control
Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee	21	55	186	-	-
Committee on Political System, Justice and Administration	14	27	30	-	-
Security and Defense Committee	13	17	18	2	1
Committee on International Relations and European Integration	15	17	87	-	-
Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	13	52	69	-	-
Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	10	11	4	-	-
Gender Equality Committee	6	6	2	-	-
Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning	6	12	28	-	-
Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports	13	19	43	-	-
Committee on Health, Labor and Social Welfare	6	11	18	-	-
Administrative Committee	17	20	47	-	-



▶ Plenary Room - a detail





# 3. PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY (COOOPERATION)

#### 3.1. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE PARLIAMENT'S SPEAKER

Upon constituting the 23<sup>rd</sup> Plenum of the Parliament of Montenegro in October 2006, Ranko Krivokapic, the Speaker of the Parliament was a regular guest to the sittings of the Venice Commission where he cooperated intensively in drafting the new Constitution of the independent Montenegro. The result of such cooperation was the Proposal Constitution approximated to the European acquis communitaire, which was adopted later by two-third majority in the Constituent Assembly of Montenegro, on October 19, 2007.

The Parliament of Montenegro, in their 23<sup>rd</sup> Plenum, was visited by the Speakers of the parliaments of Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Russia, Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Macedonia,... The Speaker of the Parliament of Montenegro paid official visits to the parliaments of all the neighboring countries, as well as to almost all of the EU member states' parliaments. Important meetings were those with Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Jian Qinglin, Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and Boris Grzylov, Russian State Duma Speaker.

▶ One of the Parliament's lobbies - detail





#### 3.1.1. IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE PARLIAMENT'S SPEAKER

- ► 16<sup>th</sup> April 2007 6<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Speakers of the Parliaments of SEECP Member States, Zagreb
- ▶ 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007 Session of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly, Strasburg (the Report by the Political Affairs Committee, confirming that Montenegro met the requirements to join the Council of Europe as its member, was adopted in the session.)
- ▶ 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> June 2007 PER Conference, Athens
- 25<sup>th</sup> August 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007 Official visit to the People's Republic of China
- ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2007 Official visit to the Republic of Austria, Vienna
- ▶ 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> October 2007 Official visit to the Russian Federation
- ► 1st 10th November 2007 Official visit to the USA
- ▶ 29<sup>th</sup> November 1<sup>st</sup> December 2007 The 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the Speakers of the Parliaments of Small European States, San Marino

#### 3.1.2. VISITS TO THE PARLIAMENT'S SPEAKER

- ▶ 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007 Official visit by Vladimir Šeks, the Speaker of the Croatian Parliament
- ▶ 6<sup>th</sup> April 2007 Official visit by Barbara Prammer, the Speaker of the Parliament of Austria
- ▶ 12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> July 2007 Official visit by Oliver Dulić, the Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia
- ▶ 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> July 2007 Official visit by Boris Gryzlov, the Speaker of the Russian Duma
- ▶ 27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> September 2007 Official visit by Goran Lennmarker, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly





▶ Office of the Speaker of the Parliament of Montenegro

## 3.2. INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPUTY SPEAKERS OF THE PARLIAMENT

- ▶ 5<sup>th</sup> June 2007 Slavoljub Stijepović, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament, talked to Lulzim Basha, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania.
- **8**<sup>th</sup> June 2007 Rifat Rastoder, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament received the visit by Seyed Morteza Mir Heydari, newly appointed Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Montenegro.
- ▶ 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007 Rifat Rastoder, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament received the visit of a delegation of the "Karl Bröger" from Nuremberg. The Ambassador of Germany to Montenegro, Thomas Schmidt, attended the meeting.
- ▶ 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007 Rifat Rastoder, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament talked to Homer A. Mavrommatis, the Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to Montenegro.



#### 3.3. INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- ▶ 29<sup>th</sup> May 2007 The Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro, Milan Radović and Deputy Secretary General, Slobodan Dragović, received Dr. Douglas Askman, assistant professor of history at the Hawaii Pacific University and the Leader of the research program on the history and functioning of the parliaments of the former SFRY Republics.
- ▶ 29<sup>th</sup> May 2007 The Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro, Milan Radović, talked to Patrick Noddings, an expert from Twining Project that is implemented in cooperation with the Government of France and the Government of Slovenia, the project being aimed at assisting the countries aspiring to join the EU to create and adjust their administrations and institutions to the EU requirements.







#### 3.4. PERMANENT PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS

Deputies of the Parliament of Montenegro participate, in several manners, in the international parliamentary activities.

The Parliament and the standing committees of the Parliament cooperate with the parliamentary assemblies, i.e. with the corresponding working bodies of the parliamentary assemblies of international organizations, as well as with other international institutions, with the aim to reach the role of the Parliament in the European and Euro-Atlantic association and integration processes.

Permanent delegations of the Parliament of Montenegro to international parliamentary organizations represent one of the forms of international activities of the Parliament.



▶ Electronic notice board in the Parliament's Foyer

#### 3.4.1. PERMANENT DELEGATION TO THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) was established in 1889 as an international organization of the sovereign states, with its seat in Geneva. Nowadays it gathers deputies from national parliaments, who consider issues of international importance. The focus of the IPU is on the international dialogue; peace and cooperation among nations; endeavors to establish parliamentary democracy.

Currently, the IPU gathers 150 countries and 8 associate members.

On October 16, 2006, the Parliament of Montenegro became 147<sup>th</sup> full member of the IPU. The Parliament's Delegation to the IPU is composed of three members, namely Ranko Krivokapić, Miodrag Vuković and Branka Bošnjak.



### 3.4.2. PERMANENT DELEGATION TO THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE MEDITERRANEAN (PAM)

Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) originated from the Conference on Security and Co-operation in the Mediterranean, which operated under the auspices of the Inter-Parliamentary Union from 1990. Inaugural Session of the PAM was held on September 11, 2006 in the Parliament of Jordan.

PAM gathers 28 member states as representatives of the Mediterranean people, with the aim to establish cooperation, dialogue and a better understanding.

#### 3.4.3. PERMANENT DELEGATION TO THE NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

The NATO Parliamentary Assembly (North Atlantic Treaty Organization Parliamentary Assembly - NATO PA) is an international organization composed of the representatives of 26 NATO Alliance national member parliaments and 16 associate member parliaments.

The goals of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly are primarily in connection with the role of MPs in the area of security and defense.

The Parliament of Montenegro has gained the status of an associate member of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly on May 26, 2007. The Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly is composed of three permanent members, namely Miodrag Vuković, Borislav Banović and Vasilije Lalošević. Their deputies are Đorđe Pinjatić and Miodrag Iličković.

### 3.4.4. PERMANENT DELEGATION TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

The Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly (PACE) is one of the two major bodies established under the Statute of the Council of Europe and it reflects the major political trends in the member countries thereof. It is composed of 40 member national parliaments and is the Assembly with the broadest base in Europe.

The Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the PACE is composed of three members (Head of Delegation and 2 members) and three deputies. The permanent members of the Delegation are Predrag Bošković, Ivan Brajović and Andrija Mandić, and their deputies are Valentina Radulović-Šćepanović, Džavid Šabović and Dragan Šoć.



#### 3.4.5. PERMANENT DELEGATION TO THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE PA) was established upon the Declaration of Madrid, and held its first sitting in Budapest in 1992 when it was decided to establish an International Secretariat based in Copenhagen. The primary task of the 320 member Assembly is to facilitate inter-parliamentary dialogue of 56 participating States of OSCE.

Montenegro was admitted to OSCE on June 22, 2006, and it signed the Final Document of Helsinki on September 01, 2006.

The Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly has three members (namely Ranko Krivokapić, Predrag Ivanović and Srđan Brajović) and three deputies (namely Rifat Rastoder, Drago Čantrić and Kemal Purišić).

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#### 3.5. INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEES

The Parliament and the standing committees of the Parliament cooperate with both the parliaments of other countries and their respective and corresponding working bodies at both bilateral and multilateral level. The cooperation is exercised either through visits paid by delegations and individual deputies, or through receiving parliamentary delegations and foreign parliamentarians or through participation in international gatherings or exchange of information or via other forms of cooperation.

Chronological overview of the international defense activities:

- ▶ 24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007 Members of the Security and Defense Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro met with the Delegation of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. The Delegation was composed of the members of both the NATO Parliamentary Assembly's Committee on the Civil Dimension of Security and the Sub-Committee on Security and Defense Capabilities, and Michael Clapham, President of the Committee headed it.
- ▶ 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> May 2007 Delegation of the Security and Defense Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro visited the NATO seat in Brussels, upon the invitation by the Republic of Greek Ambassador to Montenegro.
- ▶ 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> May 2007 Delegation of the Joint Commission on Defense and Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina, headed by Branko Zrno, the President of the Joint Commission, paid a working visit to the Security and Defense Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro.
- ▶ 17<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> May 2007 Member of the Security and Defense Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro, Mehmet Bardhi, participated in the Regional Parliamentary Conference on Home and Regional Security: Security Sector and Public Safety Review, held in Pristina, organized by the OSCE Mission to Kosovo.
- ▶ 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2007 Members of the Committee on Political System, Justice and Administration of the Parliament of Montenegro received Haakon Blankenborg, Ambassador of Norway to Montenegro and the Delegation of the Parliament of Norway.
- ▶ 12<sup>th</sup> June 2007 Chairperson of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro, Miodrag Vuković, received Nuredin Ere, Advisor to the Republic of Tunis Embassy to Belgrade.
- ▶ 13<sup>th</sup> June 2007 Chairperson of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro, Miodrag Vuković, talked to Ambassador Paraschiva Badescu, Head of OCSE Mission to Montenegro and to her associates.
- ▶ 26<sup>th</sup> June 2007 Chairperson of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro, Miodrag Vuković, received Ali Akbar Baba, Advisor to the Islamic Republic of Iran Embassy to Belgrade.



- ▶ 29<sup>th</sup> June 2007 Chairperson of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro, Miodrag Vuković, talked to Dr. Mihail Florovic, Charg d'Affaires to the Romania Embassy to Podgorica.
- ▶ 7<sup>th</sup> September 2007 Chairperson of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro, Miodrag Vuković and other members of the Committee, received the Delegation of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Parliament of Denmark.
- ▶ 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007 Chairperson of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro, Miodrag Vuković, received Ljiljanu Tošković, *Chargé d'Affaires* to the Montenegrin Embassy in Beijing.
- ▶ 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007 Chairperson of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro, Miodrag Vuković, received Frank Galea, newly appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Malta.

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- ▶ 21<sup>st</sup> September 2007 Chairperson of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro, Miodrag Vuković, talked to Li Manchang, the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China.
- ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2007 Chairperson of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro, Miodrag Vuković, talked to Ronald J.P.M. van Dartel, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
- ▶ 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2007 Delegation of the Parliamentary Republic of Hungary visited the Parliament of Montenegro.
- ▶ 6<sup>th</sup> October 2007 Members of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration and of the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro received Franco Frattini, Vice President of the European Commission and the Commissioner for Justice, Freedom and Security.
- ▶ 11<sup>th</sup> October 2007 Chairperson of the Security and Defense Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro, Dragan Kujović, received Jaroslaw Skonieczka, Director of Euro-Atlantic Integration & Partnership Directorate, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division, NATO.
- ▶ 26<sup>th</sup> October 2007 Members of the Committee on Labor, Health and Social Welfare and of the Gender Equality Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro received Vladimir Špidla, Commissioner of the European Commission responsible for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities.
- November 2007 Chairperson of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro, Miodrag Vuković, received Karin Jaani, the Ambassador of the Republic of Estonia.
- ▶ 5<sup>th</sup> December 2007 Chairperson and the members of the Committee on Education, Science, Culture, and Sports of the Parliament of Montenegro received Engelbert Rous, Director of Regional Bureau for Science and Culture of UNESCO.
- ▶ 7<sup>th</sup> December 2007 Members of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms of the Parliament of Montenegro received Ilze Brands Kehris, elected First Vice-President of the Advisory Committee on the Council of Europe Framework Convention on the Protection of National Minorities.
- ▶ 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007 Members of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro received Gergana Granchrova, Minister for European Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria.
- ▶ 12<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> December 2007 Delegation of the Gender Equality Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro paid a counter visit to the Gender Equality Commission of the House of Representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina.



## 3.6. INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF DEPUTY GROUPS AND OF DEPUTIES

- ▶ 18th 22nd October 2006 Representatives from the Parliament of Montenegro visited Albania, within the framework of the "Legislatures and Citizens" Programme. CDT and EWPPP organized the visit. During the visit, Deputies participated in the Regional Round Table on the theme of "Regional Co-operation in the Euro-Atlantic Integration Process", held in Tirana.
- ▶ 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2006 Deputies from the Parliament of Montenegro participated in the Round Table on the theme "Parliamentarian Cooperation in the Current Political Framework" organized by the European Movement in Serbia, CDT and EWPPP under the "Aspects and Techniques of European Integration" Programme, held in Belgrade.
- ▶ 27th February 2007 Miodrag Vuković, as a Deputy from the Parliament of Montenegro, participated in the Regional Round Table "Opportunities and Obstacles on the B&H Way to the EU Regional Experience and Prospects" held in Sarajevo and organized under the EWPPP's "Legislatures and Citizens" Programme.
- ▶ 20<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> March 2007 Representatives from the Parliament of Montenegro visited Macedonia, under the "Legislatures and Citizens" Programme. CDT and EWPPP organized the visit. During the visit, Deputies participated in the Regional Round Table on the theme of "Corruption in Balkans: "Whether Perception Matches Reality?", held in Skopje.
- ▶ 26<sup>th</sup> April 2007 Ferhat Dinoša, as a Deputy from the Parliament of Montenegro, participated in the Regional Round Table on the theme of "Practices of the Parliamentary Control over the European Integrations", organized by EWPPP, and held in Pristina.
- ▶ 25<sup>th</sup> May 2007 Representatives from Deputy Groups of the Parliament of Montenegro talked to Pierre Mirel, Director for Western Balkans in European Commission's DG Enlargement.
- ▶ 12<sup>th</sup> July 2007 Representatives from Deputy Groups of the Parliament of Montenegro talked to Jean-Louis Laurens, Director General of Political Affairs of the CoE.
- ▶ 26<sup>th</sup> September 2007 Deputies of the Parliament of Montenegro participated in the Round Table on the theme of "Free Trade in the Region Serbia, Montenegro and CEFTA", organized by the European Movement in Serbia, CDT and EWPPP under "Aspects and Techniques of European Integration" Programme, held in Belgrade.
- ▶ 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007 Representatives from Deputy Groups and political parties' representatives to the Parliament of Montenegro talked, in separate meetings, to Jean-Charles Gardetto and Serhiy Holovaty, Rapporteurs of the Parliamentary Assembly of the CoE.



▶ 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> December 2007 - Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro participated in the Annual Conference under "Legislatures and Citizens" Programme on the theme of "Western Balkan in the Enlarged Europe", held in Istanbul.

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#### 3.7. STUDY VISITS

- ▶ 22<sup>nd</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> January 2007 Deputies of the Parliament of Montenegro paid a study visit to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, organized by the Council of Europe Office in Podgorica.
- ► 11<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> February 2007 Deputies of the Parliament of Montenegro paid a study visit to the United States of America, organized by NDI.
- ▶ 12<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> February 2007 Deputies of the Parliament of Montenegro paid a study visit to the European Parliament, in Strasbourg, organized by the Council of Europe.



- ▶ 25<sup>th</sup> February 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007 Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget of the Parliament of Montenegro, paid a study visit to Germany organized by the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) in order to acquaint themselves with the budgetary control system functioning.
- ▶ 27<sup>th</sup> May 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2007 Delegation of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget of the Parliament of Montenegro attended the Macroeconomic Policy Seminar offered by the International Monetary Fund for parliamentarian staff, held in the Joint Vienna Institute (JVI), Vienna.
- ▶ 11<sup>th</sup> June 2007 Representatives from the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget of the Parliament of Montenegro attended the Seminar on the theme of "Parliamentary Oversight of the Budget" organized by the Parliamentary Assembly of OSCE and held in Belgrade.
- ▶ 8<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> July 2007 Deputies from the Parliament of Montenegro participated in Training Programme for New Parliamentarians held in Brussels, organized by the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.
- ▶ 18<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> June 2007 Delegation of the Security and Defense Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro participated, upon the invitation of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, in the Seminar on the theme of "Professional Development for Parliamentarians and the Support Service of the Parliament of Montenegro" held in Brussels.
- ▶ 11<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> September 2007 Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro, Milan Radović, and Advisor to the Secretary General, Zoran Magdelinić, participated in the Seminar on the theme of "How to Be a Better Political Advisor", organized by the Human Resources Authority and the Regional School of Public Administration and held in Sarajevo.
- ≥ 23<sup>rd</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> September Delegation from the Parliament of Montenegro paid a study visit to Tallinn Estonia, organized by NDI.
- 7<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> November 2007 Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro paid a study visit to the Parliament of Slovenia, organized by CDT and EWPPP.
- ▶ 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> December 2007 Civil Servants from the Parliament of Montenegro participated in the Training Programme for Civil Servants of the Parliament of Montenegro, organized by OSCE and held in Tirana.
- ▶ 4<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> December 2007 Civil Servants from the Parliament of Montenegro paid a visit to the Slovenian Parliament, organized by NDI.
- ▶ 6<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> December 2007 Delegation of the Gender Equality Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro participated in the Seminar on the theme of "Women and Labor" held in Geneva.
- ▶ 10<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007 Deputies from the Parliament of Montenegro participated in the seminar on the theme of the Control of the Intelligence Practice in Democratic Societies, organized by DCAF and held in Geneva.



## 3.8. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DELIVERING SUPPORT TO THE PARLIAMENT

The support to the activities and reforms pursued by the Parliament of Montenegro during the period concerned were given by the following international organizations and foundations:

## NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (NDI)

National Democratic Institute for international Affairs (NDI), with the financial support by the American Agency for International Development (USAID), delivers advisory support to the administra-



tion, Deputies, and civil servants of the Parliament of Montenegro via seminars, consultancies, study visits, and literature.

In October 2006, NDI prepared the Report under the title "New Challenges for a New Mandate" including recommendations for advancing the capacities of the Parliament as of an institution of key importance for democracy development.

During the period covered hereby, NDI supported the CDT's internship Programme.

#### ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE (OSCE) MISSION TO MONTENEGRO

Four-year project of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, i.e. "Capacity Building of the Parliament of Montenegro" is funded by the



Austrian Government through the Austrian Development Agency and along with the support from the German Federal Foreign Office. The Project Office situated in the Parliament, headed by the Resident Parliamentary Advisor, cooperates closely with the administrators of the Parliament, as well as with Deputies, Committees, and the Support Service of the Parliament, via daily consultations, round tables, seminars, and study visits.

OSCE supported also the organization of the Cetinje Parliamentary Forum and the CDT's Internship Programme.



PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE (PACE) AND THE EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR RECONSTRUCTION (EAR)

Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) and the European Agency for Reconstruction (EAR) launched the Project to Support Parliamentary



Institutions, as a joint initiative; the Parliament of Montenegro is one of the beneficiaries thereof. The goals under the Project are to build capacities of Deputies and civil servants in the Parliament; develop an effective legislative process, in harmony with the Constitutional mandate of the Parliament; ensure target assistance, including also the approximation of laws as required under the stabilization and accession process (SAP); develop inter-parliamentary relations of the Parliament, in order to facilitate the evolution of to Europe oriented leadership and consultative political dialog; facilitate international contacts via foreign language courses; enable Deputies and Administrators to have an independent access to information available on the Internet. The Project will be closed in June 2009.

#### UNITED NATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP)

In June 2007, the Government of Montenegro and UNDP entered into the one-year project to strengthen administrative capacities of the two Parliament's Committees, i.e. of the Constitutional Issues and



Legislative Committee and the Committee on International Relations and European Integration. For the purpose of the Project implementation, two local experts have been engaged.

#### GERMAN ORGANIZATION FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION (GTZ)

Since the establishment of the State Audit Institution in 2004, the cooperation between the Parliament of Montenegro and GTZ was oriented toward making the Committee on Economy, Finance, and Budget



familiar with broader cooperation methods between the Committee and the State Audit Institution, as well as with numerous and various methods of exchanging information with the German colleagues from the Budget Committee and the Committee on the Budgetary Control both in Montenegro and in Germany. In late 2007, the said Project was completed successfully.



#### KONRAD ADENAUER FOUNDATION

Activities within the cooperation between the German Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Parliament of Montenegro started in 2003. During 2007, the cooperation between the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Constitutional Issues



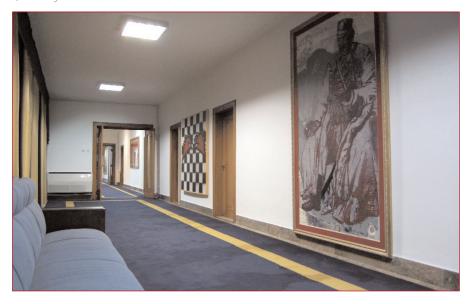
and Legislative Committee was implemented via three round tables on the themes of "Parliament as a Foundation of Democratic Development", "Rules of Procedure as an Instrument of Ensuring High-Quality Performance of the Parliament" and "Rights and Obligations of Deputies" respectively.

#### ► DEMOCRATIC CONTROL OF ARMED FORCES

An expert to monitor, and assist in, the work of the Security and Defense Committee has been assigned thereto, via the support by the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) from Geneva.



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# 4. SUPPORT SERVICE OF THE PARLIAMENT

#### 4.1. INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

The Rules of Procedure of the Parliament prescribes that professional and other activities for the purposes of the Parliament and the Parliament's committees, as well as for Deputies and Deputy Groups, shall be carried out by the Support Service of the Parliament.

Carrying out the said activities, as well as the internal organization, number of civil servants and state employees and descriptions of individual jobs within the Support Service shall be governed under the Rule Book on the Organization and Job Classification. The Secretary General, upon an opinion obtained from the Speaker's Council, shall propose the Rule Book on the Organization and Job Classification of the Support Service.

The Administrative Committee shall give an approval for the Rule Book on the organization and Job Classification.

The Secretary General shall be entitled and obliged to act in conjunction with the rights, obligations, and responsibilities of the civil servants within the Support Service, as does any state official that manages a ministry.

The organization of the Support Service of the Parliament, as well as the classification of jobs and tasks, description of jobs and tasks of the organizational

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units and description of duties of individual civil servants and state employees shall be regulated in such manner to ensure a high quality, professional and timely performance, all for the purposes of the Parliament of Montenegro or its working bodies and Deputies during their functioning.

The current Rule Book on the Organization and Job Classification of the Support Service governs the organization of the Support Service as follows:

The organizational units of the Support Service of the Parliament are:

- Speaker Cabinet:
- Secretary General Cabinet;
- Sector of Support to the Functions of the Parliament;
- Sector of General Matters

The Sector of Support to the Functions of the Parliament shall be composed of smaller organizational units, as follows:

- Department of Legislation, and
- Department of Logistics to the Committee and the Parliament Sittings.

Smaller organizational units shall be established within the Sector of General Matters, as follows:

- Division for Public Relations and International Affairs, with Protocol Office:
  - Public Relations Office, and
  - International Affairs and Protocol Office
- Division for Information and Documentation:
  - Parliament's Library.
  - Center for Research and Documentation
- Division for General Affairs:
  - Labor Relations Service,
  - Writing and Filing Office,
  - Printing Office,
  - Typing Office,
  - IT Center.
  - Financial and Material Transactions Office.

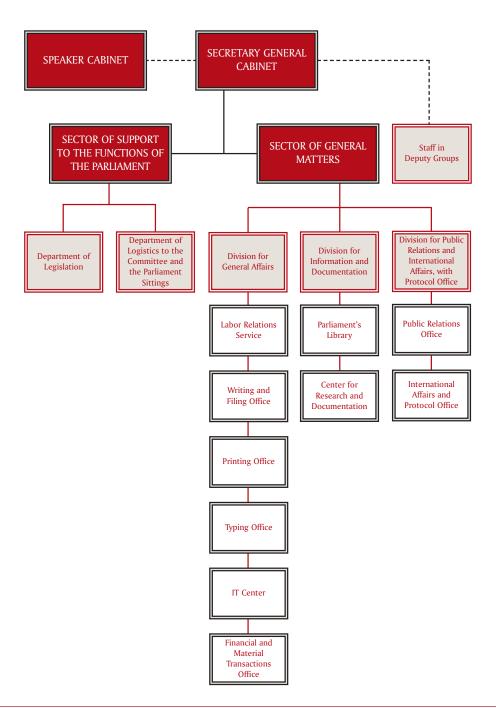
The Rule Book on the Organization and Job Classification of the Support Service of the Parliament provides for 82 posts for civil servants and state employees.

#### NUMBER OF THE STAFF IN THE PARLIAMENT

Year	No of the staff in the Support Service, total	Civil Servants	State Employees
October 2006	55	29	26
December 2007	78	49	29



#### 4.2. SUPPORT SERVICE OF THE PARLIAMENT - ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





#### 4.3. SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, ROUND TABLES

During the period covered by the present Report, the Parliament of Montenegro organized or co-organized or participated in numerous round tables, workshops and trainings dedicated to both the development of professional parliamenatrism and the improvement of parliamentary procedures, while intended for Deputies and servants of the Parliament.

- ▶ 15<sup>th</sup> December 2006 representatives from the Support Service of the Parliament of Montenegro participated in the Regional Round Table on the theme of "Constitution and Minority Rights" organized by CDT and EWPPP under the "Legislatures and Citizens" Programme and held in Podgorica.
- ▶ 4<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> February 2007 Seminar for Deputies of the Parliament of Montenegro was organized by NDI Montenegro and OSCE Mission to Montenegro in cooperation with GTZ, on the theme of "Strengthening Democracy Through Professional Functioning of the Parliament".
- 8<sup>th</sup> June 2007 One-day seminar on the theme of "Tasks and Roles of the Advisors to the Members of German Bundestag, on the Model of Budget Committee Work" was held in the Parliament of Montenegro.
- ▶ 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2007 Committee on International Relations and European Integration and National Democratic Institute organized Round Table on the theme of "Role of the Parliamentary Committees in the European Integrations".
- ▶ 5<sup>th</sup> July 2007 Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro and National Democratic Institute organized Round Table on the theme of "Parliamentary Hearings", held in Podgorica.
- ▶ 6<sup>th</sup> July 2007 Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro and National Democratic Institute organized Round Table on the theme of "Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro", held in Podgorica.
- ▶ 20<sup>th</sup> July 2007 CDT and European Movement in Serbia, in cooperation with EWPPP from Amsterdam, organized the Round Table on the theme of "Control Role of the Parliament". Deputies and civil servants from the Parliament of Montenegro and from the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia participated in the Round Table, as well as the representatives of CDT, European Movement in Serbia and EWPPP.
- ▶ 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September 2007 The Parliament of Montenegro was the host of the two-day Seminar on the theme "Democratic Control of Armed Forces and the Implementation of OSCE Code of Conduct", organized by OSCE Conflict Prevention Center and the Swiss Federal Department of Defense, Civil Protection and Sport, with the support by OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.



- ▶ 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October 2007 Human Resources Authority and the Ministry of the Interior of Montenegro, under the auspice of UNDP Montenegro, organized the Seminar on the theme of "Professionalization and Depolitisation of the Public Service", which was participated by the representatives from the Parliament of Montenegro.
- ▶ 25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> October 2007 Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro and the Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments, the European Parliament, organized the two-day Seminar, being a part of the Cooperation and Experience Exchange Programme of the European Parliament.
- ▶ 17<sup>th</sup> November 2007 A representative from the Parliament of Montenegro participated in the Seminar held in Podgorica, organized by the Ministry of Finance and the European Agency for Reconstruction on the theme of "Middle-Term Fiscal Planning The International Experience and their Implementation in Montenegro"
- ▶ 23<sup>rd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> November 2007 Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro, in cooperation with German Konrad Adenauer Foundation organized the Round Table on the themes of "Rules of Procedure as an Instrument of Ensuring High-Quality Performance of the Parliament" and "Rights and Obligations of Deputies" respectively.
- **8**th and **9**th December 2007 Members of the Gender Equality Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro participated in the International Seminar titled "Stop Violence Against Women", held in Miločer.
- ▶ 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> December 2007 Round Table on the Strategy for Minorities was organized within the framework of Developing a Minority Policy in Montenegro.
- ▶ 11th 12th December 2007 Committee on Education, Science, Culture, and Sport of the Parliament of Montenegro and the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe organized the International Seminar on the theme of Adjusting Vocational Education and Training to the Labor Market Demands.



▶ "Vučji do" by Rajko Todorovic - Todor, oil on canvas





# 5. PUBLICITY OF THE WORK OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

#### 5.1. FREE ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The Constitution of Montenegro, under its Article 51 and within the framework of the Political Rights and Freedoms Chapter, provides for also the right of free access to information. The Constitution governs that anyone shall have the right to access information in the possession of both the state administration authorities and the organizations performing public functions. The right to access information may be restricted if the protection of the life, public health, moral or privacy, or a pending criminal procedure or security and defense of Montenegro or foreign, monetary and economic policy is ensured thereby.

The said right has been elaborated under the 2005 Law on Free Access to Information, which pertains to all public administration authorities and which is a step forward in increasing the openness of the public administration authorities toward the citizens.

Pursuant to the said Law, the access to information in the possession of public administration authorities shall be exercised in line with the Law. The right to access information in the possession of public administration authorities shall be vested in any national or international legal or natural person. An applicant is neither required to prove that his / her interest to know certain information is justifiable nor to state the reasons due to which he / she applies for the access to certain information. Namely, the Law prescribes precisely that the publicity of the information in the possession of public administration authorities is in the public interest.



▶ Blue Hall - Translation Booth



#### 5.1.1. INFORMATION IN THE POSSESSION OF THE PARLIAMENT

The information in the possession of the Parliament:

- ► The Parliament's enactments (the Constitution, Laws, Resolutions, Declarations, and alike):
- **authentic interpretations of the enactment;**
- amendments to the proposal enactments;
- reports, opinion and motions posed by working bodies and by the Government to the proposal enactments;
- decisions, conclusions and similar enactments taken by the Parliament, as well as approvals to and opinions on the enactments taken by other authorities and bodies;
- reports on elections and confirmations of Deputy seats;
- calls for sessions, minutes and phonographic records from the Parliament and working bodies' sittings and meetings;
- requests for extraordinary sittings of the Parliament;
- oaths and resignations given by the officials;
- enactments (resolutions and proposals) concerning an initiation of the procedure for establishing constitutionality and legality of enactments;
- opinions by the Parliament sent to the Constitutional Court during the procedures for considering constitutionality and legality of the Parliament's enactments;
- decisions rendered by the Constitutional Court as regards the establishment of constitutionality and legality of enactments;
- parliamentary questions and responses;
- opinions by the Working Bodies of the Parliament and by the Government on certain documents, analyses and reports tabled to the Parliament to be approved and/or considered;
- proposal nominations, appointments and releases;
- letters accompanying an approval to publish laws or other regulations;
- general enactments made by the Support Service (rule books, instructions, orders and alike);
- filing records and protocols;
- decisions on the designations of organizational units and registers;
- documentation on receiving, borrowing and handing over the archival materials;
- documentation on the elimination of worthless registration materials;
- records of seals and stamps; decisions, resolutions and other documents on the employment and the employment termination;
- endorsements, certificates and other documents concerning status issues;
   books of fixed assets; payrolls;
- ledgers, charts of accounts and alike;
- procurement, work and service contracts;
- life and property insurance policies;
- cash books;
- documents on the establishment of inventory commissions, and the records of Assets Inventory, as well as documents on equipment and furniture write-offs.





▶ Plenary Room - a detail

#### 5.1.2. REQUEST FOR THE FREE ACCESS TO INFORMATION

During the period covered by the present Report, the major number of the requests for the free access to information was submitted by NGOs.

The requests mainly asked for the access to the information produced by the computer system for monitoring the Parliament's procedures; the summary report on the vote, i.e. the copies of electronic listings of the vote of Deputies on certain issues on the agenda; the information about financial transactions - such as, for example, Deputies' payroll copies; telephone bill copies; documents stating the funds spent from the Budget of the Parliament of Montenegro for transportation and accommodation; receipts stating the international per diem rates for Deputies traveling abroad and national per diem rates for travels inside Montenegro, and alike.

NUMBER OF THE REQUEST FOR FREE ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Year	No. of requests	No. of decisions allowing the access	No. of decisions allowing partial access	No. of decisions rejecting the access	No. of conclu- sions	No. of notifica- tions	Not decided requests
Oct Dec. 2006.	9	4	-	5	-	-	-
2007.	210	68	12	36	27	56	11



#### 5.2. PARLIAMENT AND CITIZENS

The Parliament of Montenegro ensures individual and collective visits to the Parliament, within the Open Parliament Programme. The basic goal of the visits paid by citizens and other organized groups to the Parliament of Montenegro is to make them familiar with the Parliament's functioning and with the Parliament's functioning and with the performance of both the Parliament's working bodies and Deputy Groups, as well as with other duties to be completed as provided for under the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament.



▶ Plenary Room - Ceremonial Pulpit

#### 5.2.1. CITIZENS VISITING THE PARLIAMENT

During the period covered by the present Report, various groups of citizens organized their visits to the Parliament of Montenegro. Either independently or in cooperation with NGOs, the Parliament hosted several organized groups, among which the representatives from the Primary and Secondary School Pupils' Assemblies, as well as various groups of students and the students of the School for Human Rights.

Besides, on May 24, 2007, the Parliament was paid a visit by the group of 50 pupils, i.e. members of the Pupils' Assembly, and by the Principal and two teachers of the "Dimkata Angelov Gaberot" Primary School from Kavadarci, Republic of Macedonia.

On December 24, 2007, the Piano Concert was held in the Parliament of Montenegro. It was performed by the pupils of "Vasa Pavić" Music School from Podgorica. The School won the IBLA Award in the prestigious International Musical Competition held in Italy, which placed the School to participate in the April Concert in Carnegie Hall in New York. Ranko Krivokapić, the Speaker of the Parliament of Montenegro, opened the Piano Concert.



#### 5.2.2. COOPERATION WITH CIVIL SECTOR

During the period covered by the present Report, the Parliament of Montenegro exercised the cooperation with the civil sector, through collaborating with Center for Democratic Transition (CDT).

In cooperation with the Parliament of Montenegro, National Democratic Institute (NDI) and OSCE Mission to Montenegro, CDT is implementing the Open Parliament Programme the major goal of which is to increase the transparency of the Parliament's work and to demystify its functions, as well as to encourage the participation of citizens in the activities thereof. Within the framework of this Programme, CDT organized citizens' visits to the Montenegrin Parliament, with the aim to acquaint them with the organization, functions, and history of the Parliament of Montenegro.

In cooperation with both the said organizations and the University of Montenegro, while based on the Memorandum of Cooperation, CDT and the Parliament of Montenegro are implementing the Internship Programme, i.e. the additional education for students. During the period covered by the present Report, there were 19 interns from the University of Montenegro in the Parliament of Montenegro, admitted as the 5th and 6th generations under the Internship Programme.

During 2006 and 2007, in addition to the Open Parliament, CDT exercised the cooperation with the Parliament of Montenegro also as a local partner of the East-West Parliamentary Practice Project (EWPPP), through regional programmes such as "Legislatures and Citizens" and "Aspects and Techniques of European Integration.



#### 5.3. PARLIAMENT AND MEDIA

Pursuant to the Rule Book on the Organization and Job Classification of the Support Service of the Parliament of Montenegro, the Division for Public Relations and International Affairs with Protocol Office is in charge of cooperation with media.

The Department encompasses also the Public Relations Office that, among other things, carries out professional and administrative tasks relating to informing the public of the Parliament and its working bodies' performance; makes various data available to journalists and enables them to monitor the activities in the committees and the Parliament's sittings; takes care of putting in place and providing the necessary work conditions; receives and issues Accreditation Cards; keeps the required records of the accredited journalists; in cooperation with and upon an authorization by the Speaker or a Deputy Speaker or the Secretary General, announces communications to the public and posts them on the Parliament's Web Page; organizes and monitors press conferences held by Deputies and authorized officials; administers the Parliament's Web Page.







# 6. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

#### 6.1. REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN 2006

The Budget Law governs the budget expenditure projections for any year and, thereby, also for the Parliament of Montenegro as a budget spending unit, whereas they are adjusted under the Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Budget Law relevant for the year concerned.

As of the day of constituting the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro, i.e. as of October 2, 2006 to December 31, 2007, the funds for the Parliament of Montenegro were allocated upon putting into force the relevant regulations.

For the activities of the Parliament and the Support Service in 2006, the amount of 3,992,081.76 total was allocated.

#### ▶ White Hall





OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2006 BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Account	Name	Last quarter of 2006 projection (€)	Last quarter of 2006 expenditures (€)
4	EXPENDITURES	998,004.69	998,004.69
41	Current expenses	455,504.69	453,559.85
411	Gross wages and contributions	224,317.05	223,574.29
4111	Net wages	123,461.32	123,461.25
4112	Income tax	27,049.43	27,049.43
4113	Employee contributions	38,642.04	38,418.95
4114	Employer contributions	31,106.84	30,587.18
4115	Municipal dues	4,057.41	4,057.41
412	Other personal income	118,687.63	118,687.63
4121	Luncheon bonus	4,278.61	4,278.61
4122	Vacation bonus	1,909.02	1,909.02
4128	Remunerations to Deputies	112,500.00	112,500.00
413	Material and services expenses	105,000.00	103,798.65
4131	Materials	25,000.00	25,000.00
4132	Business trips	45,000.00	45,000.00
4133	Expense account	5,500.00	5,131.10
4134	Energy supply	3,000.00	3,000.00
4135	Telephone charges	9,000.00	8,733.52
4136	Postage	1,250.00	710.07
4137	Banking services	0.00	0.00
4139	Contracted services	16,250.00	16,223.94
414	Current maintenance	7,500.00	7,499.30
4142	Current maintenance of buildings	5,000.00	4,999.30
4143	Current maintenance of equipment	2,500.00	2,500.00
431	Transfers to institutions, individuals, NGOs and the public sector	512,500.00	503,821.26
4313	Transfers to individuals	512,500.00	503,821.26
441	Capital expenditures	30,000.00	29,953.20
4415	Equipment	30,000.00	29,953.20



#### 6.2. REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN 2007

Pursuant to the 2007 Budget Law of the Republic of Montenegro (Official Gazette of RM, No. 81/06), the Law on Amendments and Supplements to the 2007 Budget Law of the Republic of Montenegro (Official Gazette of RM, No. 63/07) and Article 35 Under the Budget Law (Official Gazette of RM, Nos. 40/01, 44/01, 71/05 and 12/07), the funds for the Parliament of Montenegro as for a budget spending unit were allocated in the amount of 4,669,889.73 total.

The Table below reflects the budget expenditures of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2007, as per the economic classification of items to the projected expenditures.

▶ The main entrance to the Plenary Room





#### 2007 BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Account	Name	2007 projections (€)	2007 expenditures (€)
4	EXPENDITURES	4,669,889.73	4,098,904.38
41	Current expenditures	4,239,819.81	3,783,332.38
411	Gross wages and contributions	2,390,271.34	2,194,076.88
4111	Net wages	1,352,146.05	1,320,812.59
4112	Income tax	268,908.35	230,198.30
4113	Employee contributions	405,301.82	330,685.39
4114	Employer contributions	326,267.97	277,850.69
4115	Municipal dues	37,647.16	34,529.91
412	Other personal income	532,987.58	495,102.50
4121	Luncheon bonus	54,480.00	25,415.00
4122	Vacation bonus	28,507.50	19,687.50
4128	Remunerations to Deputies	450,000.00	450,000.00
413	Material and services expenses	1,231,560.89	1,015,374.52
4131	Materials	285,000.00	213,991.29
4132	Business trips	370,000.00	369,999.99
4133	Expense account	57,000.00	37,663.12
4134	Energy supply	82,224.59	38,021.16
4135	Telephone charges	152,422.41	139,790.07
4136	Postage	2,773.89	2,773.89
4137	Banking services	3,000.00	6.88
4139	Contracted services	279,140.00	213,128.12
414	Current maintenance	65,000.00	61,317.27
4142	Current maintenance of buildings	35,000.00	34,645.42
4143	Current maintenance of equipment	30,000.00	26,671.85
416	Rent	20,000.00	17,460.90
4161	Rent for buildings	20,000.00	17,460.90
431	Transfers to institutions, individuals, NGOs and the public sector	0,00	0.00
4313	Transfers to individuals	0,00	0.00
441	Capital expenditures	430,069.92	315,572.31
4415	Equipment	195,050.00	195,050.00
4416	Investment maintenance	235,019.92	120,522.31



### 7. ANNEX

## 7.1. LIST OF DEPUTIES, WITH CHANGES THAT OCCURRED DURING THE REPORTED PERIOD

### COALITION FOR EUROPEAN MONTENEGRO - MILO ĐUKANOVIĆ - DPS-SDP

1) Milo Đukanović,	DPS
2) Svetozar Marović by April 04, 2007 (resignation)	DPS
Đorđe Pinjatić, as of April 04, 2007	DPS
3) Milutin Simović MSc, by November 08, 2006 (resignation)	DPS
Valentina Radulović-Šćepanović, as of November 08, 2006	DPS
4) Dr Miodrag - Bobo Radunović, by November 08, 2006. (resignation)	DPS
Zarija Franović, as of November 08, 2006	DPS
5) Ranko Krivokapić	SDP
6) Dragan Đurović	DPS
7) Branimir Gvozdenović, by November 08, 2006 (resignation)	DPS
Husnija Šabović, as of November 08, 2006	DPS
8) Željko Šturanović, by November 08, 2006 (resignation)	DPS
Dr Omer Adžović, as of November 08, 2006	DPS
9) Miroslav Ivanišević, by December 28, 2006	DPS
Njegosava Vujanović, as of January 30, 2007	DPS
10) Rifat Rastoder	SDP
11) Igor Lukšić, PhD, by November 08, 2006 (resignation)	DPS
Miloje Drobnjak, as of November 08, 2006	DPS
12) Miodrag Vuković, MSc	DPS
13) Mevludin Nuhodžić	DPS
14) Boro Vučinić, by November 08, 2006 (resignation)	DPS
Drago Čantrić, as of November 08, 2006	DPS
15) Miodrag Iličković	SDP
16) Dragan Kujović	DPS
17) Dr Miomir Mugoša	DPS
18) Slavoljub Stijepović	DPS



19)	Gordana Đurović, PhD, by November 08, 2006 (resignation)	DPS
	Branka Tanasijević, MSc, as of November 08, 2006	DPS
20)	Ivan Brajović	SDP
21)	Dr Milorad Drljević, by October 9, 2007 (resignation)	DPS
	Veljko Zarubica, as of October 9, 2007	DPS
22)	Dr Ljubica-Beba Džaković	DPS
23)	Tarzan Milošević, by November 20, 2007 (resignation)	DPS
	Predrag Sekulić, as of November 21, 2007	DPS
24)	Dr Hajran Kalač	DPS
25)	Džavid Šabović	SDP
26)	Stanko Zloković, by July 10, 2007 (resignation)	DPS
	Dr Milan Obradović, as of July 11, 2007	DPS
27)	Luiđ Škrelja	DPS
28)	Božidar Vuksanović	DPS
29)	Predrag Sekulić, by November 08, 2006 (resignation)	DPS
	Đorđe Džuverović, as of by November 08, 2006	DPS
30)	Hidajeta Bajramspahić	SDP
31)	Dr Fahrudin Hadrović	DPS
32)	Predrag Ivanović, PhD, by October 9, 2007 (resignation)	DPS
	Milorad Vuletić, as of by October 9, 2007	DPS
33)	Slobo Pajović, by October 9, 2007 (resignation)	DPS
	Rajko Kovačević, as of by October 9, 2007	DPS
34)	Dr Suad Numanović, by November 08, 2006 (resignation)	DPS
	Niko Martinović, as of November 08, 2006	DPS
35)	Božo Nikolić	HGI
36)	Marija Ćatović	DPS
37)	Radivoje Nikčević	DPS
38)	Predrag Bošković, MSc	DPS
39)	Borislav Banović	SDP
40)	Predrag Nenezić, by November 08, 2006 (resignation)	DPS
	Ivan Kalezić, as of November 08, 2006	DPS
41)	Radoje Žugić, MSc, by October 9, 2007 (resignation)	DPS
	Obrad - Mišo Stanišić, as of October 9, 2007	DPS



#### SERBIAN LIST

42) Andrija Mandić	SNS
43) Zoran Žižić	DSJ
44) Goran Danilović	SNS
45) Novak Radulović	SNS
46) Dr Novica Stanić	SNS
47) Bojan Strunjaš	SRS
48) Emilo Labudović	NSS
49) Budimir Aleksić	SNS
50) Dobrilo Dedeić	SNS
51) Momčilo Vuksanović	SNS
52) Radojica Živković	SNS
53) Jovanka Matković	SNS

## SNP-NS-DSS - COALITION: COALITION: SOCIALIST PEOPLE'S PARTY OF MONTENEGRO, PEOPLE'S PARTY AND DEMOCRATIC SERB PARTY

54) Predrag Bulatović	SNP
55) Predrag Popović	NS
56) Dr Ranko Kadić	DSS
57) Srđa Božović, MSc, by October 26, 2006 (resignation)	SNP
Srđan Milić, as of March 13, 2007	SNP
58) Božidar Milović, by October 26, 2006 (resignation)	SNP
Vasilije Lalošević, as of March 13, 2007	SNP
59) Velizar Kaluđerović	SNP
60) Dragan Šoć	NS
61) Momčilo Vučetić, by March 13, 2007 (resignation)	SNP
Mijomir Perunović, as of March 13, 2007	SNP
62) Dragiša Pešić, by December 27, 2007 (resignation)	SNP
Aleksandar Damjanović, as of by December 27, 2007	SNP
63) Vuksan Simonović	SNP
64) Neven Gošović, by December 18, 2007 (resignation)	SNP
Miomir Vojinović, as of December 18, 2007	SNP



### MOVEMENT FOR CHANGES - NEBOJŠA MEDOJEVIĆ

- 65) Nebojša Medojević 66) Branko Radulović, PhD
- 67) Dr Goran Batrićević
- 68) Assistant professor Maja Kostić-Mandić, PhD
- 69) Koča Pavlović
- 70) Assistant professor Branka Bošnjak, PhD
- 71) Slavko Hrvačević, MSc
- 72) Srđan Brajović
- 73) Emin Duraković
- 74) Zarija Pejović, MSc
- 75) Miloš Bigović

#### "LIBERALS AND BOSNIAK PARTY - CORRECT IN THE PAST, RIGTH FOR THE FUTURE" - MIODRAG MIKO ŽIVKOVIĆ

76) Miodrag Živković	L
77) Dr Amer Halilović	В
78) Kemal Purišić	R

#### DEMOCRATIC UNION OF ALBANIANS

#### 79) Ferhat Dinoša

## COALITION DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE IN MONTENEGRO - PARTY FOR DEMOCRATIC PROSPERITY

80) Mehmet Bardhi DS in CG

#### ALBANIAN ALTERNATIVE

#### 81) Vaselj Siništaj



## 7.2. LAWS PASSED DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THE PRESENT REPORT

As of October to the end of 2006, 21 laws were enacted, of which 14 new ones and 7 amended and supplemented ones.

#### **NEW LAWS:**

- 1) Law on the Procedure for Passing and Proclaiming the Constitution of Montenegro (66/06);
- 2) Law on the Membership of the Republic of Montenegro of the International Monetary Fund and Other International Financial Institutions (66/06);
- 3) Law on the Ratification of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Montenegro on Establishing the Energy Community (66/06);
- 4) Law on the Ratification of the Agreement on Economic and Trade Cooperation between the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Montenegro (73/06);
- 5) Law on 2005 Annual Financial Statement of the Budget of the Republic of Montenegro (73/06);
- 6) Law on Putting out of Effect the Law on Foreign Companies that are Incorporated and Operated in Montenegro (76/06);
- 7) Law on Insurance(78/06);
- 8) Law on Voluntary Pension Funds (78/06);
- 9) Law on the Practice of Law (79/06);
- 10) Law on the Payment of Citizens' Foreign Exchange Deposits Kept with the Certified Banks with their Hubs Outside of the Republic of Montenegro (81/06);
- 11) Law on 2007 Budget of the Republic of Montenegro (81/06);
- 12) Family Law (1/07);
- 13) Law on the Liability of Legal Persons in Criminal Matters (2/07);
- 14) Law on Optical Disks (2/07).

#### AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED LAWS:

- 1) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Customs Law (Official Gazette of RM, No. 21/03, 29/05 and 66/06)
- 2) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the 2006 Law on the Budget of the Republic of Montenegro (70/06);
- 3) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Cinematography (73/06);
- 4) Law on the Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Litigation Procedure (76/06);
- 5) Law on the Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Personal Income Tax (78/06);
- 6) Law on the Amendments and Supplements to the Law on State Audit Institution (78/06);
- 7) Law on the Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Business Organization Insolvency (2/07).



100 laws were enacted in 2007, of which 72 new ones and 28 amended and supplemented ones.

#### **NEW LAWS:**

- 1) Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Republic of Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia on Social Insurance, together with the Administrative Agreement on the Implementation of the Agreement between the Republic of Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia on the Social Insurance (17/07);
- 2) Law on Ratification of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (17/07);
- 3) Law on Ratification of the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (17/07);
- 4) Law on Ratification of the Agreement on the Amendment of and the Accession to Central European Free Trade Agreement (18/07);
- 5) Law on consumer protection (26/07);
- 6) Law on the Control of State Support and Aid (26/07);
- 7) Law on Tax Advisors (26/07);
- 8) Law on the Water (27/07);
- 9) Law on the Prevention of Violence and Unacceptable Behavior During Sporting Events (27/07);
- 10) Law on the State and Other Holidays (27/07);
- 11) Law on State Land Survey and the Land Register (29/07);
- 12) Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Taking Over Loans, Credits, Money Subsidies and of the Annex to the Agreement Between International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association and the Republic of Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia (36/07);
- 13) Law on Wages and Other Incomes of the Bearers of Judicial and Judicial-Constitutional Function (36/07);
- 14) Law on Wine (36/07);
- 15) Law on Reproductive Materials of Forest Trees (37/07);
- 16) Law on the State Awards (38/07);
- 17) Law on Ratification of the Framework Agreement between the Republic of Montenegro and the European Investment Bank governing the Activities of the EIB in the Republic of Montenegro (44/07);
- 18) Law on Ratification of the Agreement on the Establishment of High Performance Railway in South East Europe (44/07);
- 19) Law on Gender Equality (46/07);
- 20) Law on Mandatory Travel Insurance (46/07);
- 21) Law on Yachts (46/07);
- 22) Law on Defense (47/07);
- 23) Law on the Military of Montenegro (47/07);



- 24) Law on Air Quality (48/07);
- 25) Law on Plant Nutrition Products (48/07);
- 26) Law on Protection of Plant Varieties (48/07);
- 27) Law on identification and registration of animals (48/07);
- 28) Law on the Central Population Registry (49/07);
- 29) Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia on Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters (62/07);
- 30) Law on Ratification of the Multilateral Agreement Between the European Community and its Member States, and the Republic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Republic of Iceland, the Republic of Montenegro, the Kingdom of Norway, Romania, the Republic of Serbia and the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo on the Establishment of the European Common Aviation Area (ECAA agreement) (62/07);
- 31) Law on Ratification of the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its four Protocols (64/07);
- 32) Constitution of Montenegro (1/07);
- 33) Constitutional Law for the Enforcement of the Constitution (1/07);
- 34) Law on Ratification of the Stabilization and Accession Agreement Entered into by and between the European Communities and its Members States, on the one hand, and the Republic of Montenegro, on the other hand (7/07);
- 35) Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Republic of Montenegro and the European Communities on the Readmission (Return and Acceptance) of Persons without Residence Permits (7/07);
- 36) Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Republic of Montenegro and the European Communities on the Visa Regime Facilitation (7/07);
- 37) Law on Ratification of the Interim Agreement on Trade and Related Matters between the European Communities on the one hand and the Republic of Montenegro on the other hand (7/07);
- 38) Law on Ratification of the Additional Protocol to Criminal Law Convention on Corruption (11/07);
- 39) Law on Blood Transfusion Supply (11/07);
- 40) Law on Freshwater Fishing (11/07);
- 41) Law on Insolvency and Liquidation of Insurance Companies (11/07);
- 42) Law on the Protection of the Right to Trial in Reasonable Time (11/07);
- 43) Law on Chemicals (11/07);
- 44) Law on 2006 Annual Financial Statement of the Budget of the Republic of Montenegro (12/07);
- 45) Law on Identity Card (12/07);



- 46) Law on Skiing Grounds (13/07);
- 47) Law on Search and Rescue (13/07);
- 48) Law on Mandatory Social Insurance Contributions (13/07);
- 49) Law on Regional Water Supply to the Montenegrin Littoral(13/07);
- 50) Law on Prevention of Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (14/07):
- 51) Law on food safety (14/07);
- 52) Law on Peaceful Resolving of Labor Disputes (16/07);
- 53) Law on the Social Council (16/07);
- 54) Law on Undisclosed Data Protection (16/07);
- 55) Law on the Sea (17/07);
- 56) Law on Election of the President of Montenegro (17/07);
- 57) Law on Wages and Other Incomes of the State Officials (17/07);
- 58) Law on 2008 Budget of Montenegro (17/07).
- 59) Law on Ratification of the Framework Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Commission of the European Communities on Cooperation Rules regarding the Financial Support by the EC to Montenegro in IPA Implementation (1/08);
- 60) Law on Ratification of the Police Cooperation Convention for Southeast Europe (1/08);
- 61) Law on Ratification of the Civil Law Convention on Corruption (1/08);
- 62) Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Croatia on the Mutual Relations in the Area of Water Management (1/08);
- 63) Law on Ratification of the European Convention on Cross-Border Television (1/08);
- 64) Law on International Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (4/08);
- 65) Law on the Recognition and Verification of Education Certificates (4/08);
- 66) Law on Safety in Railway Traffic (4/08);
- 67) Law on Publishing Regulations and other Enactments (5/08);
- 68) Law on the Transportation of Hazardous Substances (5/08);
- 69) Law on Electronic Documents (5/08);
- 70) Law on Ratification of the Framework Convention on the Values of Cultural Heritage for Society (1/08-MU);
- 71) Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Governments of the Benelux Countries and the Government of Montenegro on the Abolition of Visa for Holders of Diplomatic and Official Passports ( 2/08-MU );
- 72) Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Governments of Other Member States of SEECP, the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo on behalf of Kosovo, according to the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 on the Arrangements of the Host Country (1/0 MU).



#### AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED LAWS:

- 1) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Customs Tariffs (Official Gazette of RM, No. 75/05 and 17/07).
- 2) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Geological Explorations (26/07);
- 3) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Veterinary Law (27/07);
- 4) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Foreign Investments (36/07);
- 5) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Foreign trade (37/07);
- 6) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on the Protection of Competition (37/07);
- 7) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Minority Rights and Freedoms (38/07);
- 8) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Tourism Organizations (46/07);
- 9) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Pension and Disability Insurance (47/07):
- 10) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the General Law on Education (49/07);
- 11) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Primary Education (49/07);
- 12) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Grammar School (49/07);
- 13) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Vocational Education (49/07);
- 14) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Preschool Education (49/07);
- 15) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Adult Education (49/07);
- 16) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Restitution of the Taken Away Property Rights and Compensation (49/07);
- 17) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on 2007 Budget of the Republic of Montenegro (63/07);
- 18) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Free Zones (11/07);
- 19) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Non-Governmental Organizations (11/07);
- 20) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on the Budget (12/07);
- 21) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Lottery(13/07);
- 22) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Sports (13/07);
- 23) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Value Added Tax (16/07);
- 24) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Business Organizations(17/07);
- 25) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Real Property Sale Tax (17/07);
- 26) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Salaries of Civil Servants and State Employees(17/07);
- 27) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on State Audit Institution (17/07);
- 28) Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Local Self-Government Financing (5/08).