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INTRODUCTORY NOTE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

DEAR CITIZENS OF MONTENEGRO,

Here is the Report on the work of the 23rd Parliamentary Term of the Parliament of Montenegro covering the period from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008.

We would like to share with you our activities, successes and failures, expecting your suggestions.

In 2008 the Parliament adopted 138 laws, which makes an increase of 30% in relation to 2007. Existing laws were amended while a number of new general laws were adopted, which stamped this reporting period with a very intensive legislative activity. This segment of the Parliamentary work is particularly important from the aspect of fulfilling goals related to harmonisation of our legislation with international standards and the EU acquis communautaire.

The beginning of the implementation of the Interim Agreement, which makes a significant part of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement with the EU, imposes the need to intensify all our activities, as to be able to negotiate sections of the European road as efficiently and qualitatively as possible.

The work of parliamentary working bodies was significantly intensified in the reporting period. The interest of the public in the work of working bodies also strengthened, and the work of the meetings of the parliamentary bodies was fully open to the public, with very rare exceptions.

The provision of the Rules of Procedure related to conduct of control hearings, as the most efficient form of control and supervision of the work of the executive authorities, has been regularly applied and become inevitable practice in the work of the most significant working bodies of the Parliament.

The Parliament intensified its activities in international area too, which shows that it pays significant attention to parliamentary diplomacy establishing close inter-parliamentary cooperation. Parliamentary activities also contributed to the full expression and affirmation of the policy of regional cooperation and status of a credible and reliable partner, which characterises the current international position of Montenegro.



Positive assessments of the European Commission, provided in the Progress Report, with regard to the legislative activity of the Parliament of Montenegro and recognition of the trend of capacity strengthening of the Parliament, are significant incentives and encouragement for us.

Measured by objective criteria, activities undertaken in 2008 show significant qualitative and quantitative improvement in all segments of the Parliamentary work.

Being aware of the above, we are additionally obligated to carry on with the same dynamics in the upcoming period.

Yours truly,

Ranko Krivokapić



1. STAFF

1.1. MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT - 23RD PARLIAMENTARY TERM

According to Article 83 of the Constitution of Montenegro, Parliament of Montenegro has 81 members. In the period from 1 January to 23 April 2008 there were no changes in the staff of the Parliament.

Milan Radović was re-elected on 27 December 2007.

Slobodan Dragović was re-elected on 19 March 2008.

There were no Vice President nominations from the opposition during the reporting period.

1.2. MANAGEMENT OF THE PARLIAMENT

Ranko Krivokapić was the President of the Parliament during this reporting period, while Rifat Rastoder and Slavoljub Stijepović were Vice Presidents. The Parliament of 23rd Parliamentary Term had no Vice Presidents from the opposition parties, although it is prescribed as a requirement in Article 18 of the Rules of Procedure. During the reporting period there were no Vice President nominations from the opposition parties.

¹ The List of names of the Members of the Parliament and changes in staff in the reporting period can be found in the Annex to this Publication.



RANKO KRIVOKAPIĆ, THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT

Born in Kotor on 17 August 1961.

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



EMPLOYMENT:

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro since July 2003 during 22nd, 23rd and 24th Parliamentary Terms.
- After the referendum on the state legal status of Montenegro, in October 2006, he was elected as the President of the Constituent Assembly of the Republic of Montenegro and as the Chairperson of the Constitutional Committee of the Constituent Assembly of the Republic of Montenegro, until the proclamation of the Constitution in 2007.
- ▶ Elected as MP in eight Parliamentary Terms. First time in 1989 in the Parliament of Montenegro; from 1993 to 1997 in the Parliament of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and from 2003 to 2006 in the Parliament of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro.

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT:

- Political career started in the late 80s. He was a member of the Presidency of the Reform Forces for Montenegro in 1990.
- President of the Social Democratic Party of Montenegro (SDP).
- One of the founders of the Social Democratic Party (1990), which has been a full member of the Socialist International (SI) since 1996.
- Member of the Presidency of the Party of European Socialistrs (PES)

FOREIGN LANGUAGES: Fluent in English.



RIFAT RASTODER, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT

Born in Radmanci (Bihor) near Berane on 11 July 1950. Resides in Podgorica.

Journalist, publicist, Vice President of the Social Democratic Party of Montenegro.



EMPLOYMENT:

- ► He has been professionally engaged in journalism since 1980. He is one of the most commissioned journalists, commentators and editors of program blocks and features of RTV MNE, and since 1986 he has been with the Pobjeda Daily.
- Since 1990 he has been one of founders and associates of several independent media
- Proclaimed the best journalist in 1990; a member of Association of Independent Journalists of Montenegro.
- Co-author of "Crvena Mrlja" (Red Smear) (1990), author of "Usud imena" (Fate of the Name) and "Pravo na Ime" (Right to a Name), several feuilletons and studies on human and minority rights, freedom of media, etc.
- Distinguished sportsman one of the first Montenegrin masters of karate, competitor, coach and referee in this sport.
- One of the founders of alternative theatre in Montenegro (students experimental stage under AKUD Mirko Srzentić and DODEST Theatre Podgorica).
- Since 1998 he has been on the duty of the Vice President of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro.
- ▶ He was elected MP and Vice President of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro in the last six Parliamentary Terms. In several mandates he also performed the function of the president of the SDP MP Group, as well as the function of the Chair of the Committee on Human Rights.

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT:

- One of founders and Vice Presidents of the Civic Movement: The Public against Fascism (1990); a member of the Presidency of the Civic Forum of Montenegro (1990); one of the initiators of the Reform Movement for Montenegro (1990).
- One of the founders of the Social Democratic Party of Montenegro.

NATIONALITY: Bošnjak.

MARITAL STATUS: Married, father of two.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES: Fluent in Russian, communicates in English.





SLAVOLJUB STIJEPOVIĆ, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT

Born in Titograd on 2 May 1959.

Graduated from the Faculty of Law in Titograd in 1981.

EMPLOYMENT:

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

NATIONALITY: Montenegrin

MARITAL STATUS: Married, father of two.





MILAN RADOVIĆ, SECRETARY GENERAL

Born in Bijelo Polje on 6 October 1951.

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

TOPA

EMPLOYMENT:

- Judge of Basic Court in Bijelo Polje from 14 June 1982 to 29 June 1983.
- ▶ Deputy District Public Prosecutor in Bijelo Polje from 29 June 1983 to 11 November 1993.
- ▶ Higher Prosecutor in Bijelo Polje from 18 November 1993 to 1999.
- President of the Higher Court in Podgorica from 15 July 1999 to 15 July 2003.
- ▶ Member of the Judicial Council from 5 July 2000 to 2 December 2002.
- Secretary General of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro from 18 December 2003 to 18 December 2007
- On the sitting of the Parliament of Montenegro of 27 December 2007 he was reappointed as the Secretary General of the Parliament.
- ► 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 terms of office.
- Finished the prestigious French National School of Administration (ENA) in Belgrade and Paris, 2005/06.
- A member of the Managing Board of the Lawyers Association of Montenegro, 2000-2008.

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT:

- A former member of the Municipal Committee of the League of Communists in Bijelo Polje.
- Appointed as a member to the Republic Referendum Commission on State and Legal Status of the Republic of Montenegro, in the Parliament of Montenegros sitting held on 15 March 2006. Appointed by the Republic Referendum Commission as the coordinator of the Block for Independent and Sovereign Montenegro.
- ▶ Political party affiliation: Democratic Party of Socialists.

NATIONALITY: Montenegrin

MARITAL STATUS: Married, father of three

FOREIGN LANGUAGES: Communicates in Russian.





SLOBODAN DRAGOVIĆ, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL

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

Graduated from the Faculty of Law in Sarajevo in 1972, and passed the Bar Exam in Titograd in 1987.



EMPLOYMENT:

- Worked in the Parliamentary Administration of the Republic of Montenegro from June 1977, on the positions of the Adviser and Senior Adviser for political system, Adviser to the Secretary of the Parliament, Secretary of the Commission on Constitutional Matters.
- From 1991 to 1999 Assistant Secretary General of the Parliament.
- Since 1999 he has been Deputy Secretary General of the Parliament.
- In addition to the professional function, since 2004 he has been a member of the Commission on Establishing Conflicts of Interest and Deputy Chairman of the State Electoral Commission.

MARITAL STATUS: Married, father of three.



1.3. WORKING BODIES OF THE PARLIAMENT

In this reporting period the Parliament of Montenegro had 12 working bodies.

WORKING BODIES OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO, CHAIRS AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS

	Chair	Number of members	
Working Body	23rd Parliamentary Term	23rd Parliamentary Term	
Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee	Miodrag Iličković	13	
Committee on Political System, Justice and Administration	Džavid Šabović	12	
Security and Defence Committee	Dragan Kujović	13	
Committee on International Relations and European Integration	Miodrag Vuković	13	
Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	Aleksandar Damjanović	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, Labour and Social Welfare	Hajran Kalač	11	
Administrative Committee	Radivoje Nikčević	13	
Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatization Procedure	Predrag Sekulić	8	

1.4. MP GROUPS

MP GROUPS, CHAIRS, NUMBER OF MEMBERS - 23RD PARLIAMENTARY TERM

MP Group	Chair	Number of members	
Democratic Party of Socialists	Miodrag Vuković	34	
Serb List	Novak Radulović	12	
Movement for Changes	Nebojša Medojević	11	
Socialist Peoples Party	Velizar Kaluđerović	8	
Social Democratic Party	Ivan Brajović	7	
National Party - Democratic Serb Party	Dragan Šoć	3	
Liberal Party - Bosniak Party	Kemal Purišić	3	
TOTAL		78	



2. LEGISLATIVE AND CONTROL ACTIVITIES OF THE PARLIAMENT

2.1. SITTINGS OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

In 2008, the Parliament of Montenegro passed:

- one constitutional act:
- ▶ 93 new laws and 31 laws on amendments:
- ▶ 45 decisions:
- ▶ 14 conclusions.
- one resolution and
- six other acts.

SITTINGS OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO IN 2008

Year	No. of sittings	No. of ordinary sittings	Total duration of ordinary sittings (no. of days)	No. of extraor- dinary sittings	Total duration of extraordi- nary sittings (no. of days)
2008	19	16	38	2	7

The register of laws adopted in the reporting period is given in the Annex.

2.2. INTERPELLATIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rules of Procedure, an interpellation for discussion on specific political issues related to the work of the Government may be submitted by no less than of the Members of the Parliament. The discussion in respect of an interpellation may be closed either by making a conclusion as regards the issues launched by the interpellation, or without any decision made. Upon the discussion on an interpellation, a motion of no confidence in the Government may be filed.



At the 6th sitting of the second ordinary session of the Parliament of Montenegro held on 10, 11 and 15 December 2008, interpellation was launched for debate on the issue of leading internal policy of the Government of Montenegro in the area of transport and maritime affairs.

2.3. PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS AND PREMIERS HOUR

For the purpose of providing necessary information about certain issues concerning the Governments performance, i.e. concerning the planned policy implementation, any Member of the Parliament has the right to put a parliamentary question to the Government, i.e. responsible ministry and be responded to. A parliamentary question is put at a special sitting of the Parliament held no less than once in a two-month period during an ordinary session. The first part of this special sitting, lasting to one hour, is intended for putting questions to the Prime Minister and his answers on topical issues from the work of the Government (Premiers Hour).

In 2008, out of 13 sittings of ordinary sessions, three were intended for Premiers Hours and Parliamentary questions. Seventeen questions were put under the Premiers hour. 149 Parliamentary questions and two supplementary questions were put under Parliamentary questions.

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

In 2008, Members of the Parliament of Montenegro put the total of 149 questions and two supplementary questions to the Government and Ministers.

- ▶ MP Group of DPS put 12 parliamentary questions;
- ▶ MP Group of Serb List put 17 parliamentary questions;
- MP Group of SNP put 49 parliamentary questions;
- MP Group of Movement for Changes put 45 parliamentary questions and 2 supplementary questions;
- ▶ MP Group of SDP put four questions;
- ▶ MP Group of NS-DSS New Serb Democracy put 5 parliamentary questions;
- MP Group of Liberal Party and Bosniak Party put 9 questions;
- Serb National MP Group put 4 parliamentary questions; .
- MP Group of Albanian parties put four parliamentary questions.

² In 2008 three MPs of the Serb List created the Serb National Group, with Momilo Vuksanović as their leader.



PREMIERS HOUR

In 2008, under Premiers Hour, questions were asked as follows:

- MP Group of DPS 3 questions (Miško Vuković)
- MP Group of Serb List 2 questions (Andrija Mandić)
- MP Group of SNP 3 questions (Srđan Milić)
- MP Group of Movement for Changes 3 questions (Neboja Medojević)
- ► MP Group of SDP 3 questions (Ivan Brajović);
- MP Group of New Serb Democracy 3 questions (Andrija Mandić)
- MP Group of NS-DSS New Serb Democracy- 1 question (Predrag Popović);
- MP Group of Liberal Party and Bosniak Party 1 question (Andrija Popović).
- Serb National MP Group 1 question (Momčilo Vuksanović).

2.4. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

According to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro, the Parliament establishes committees as its working bodies to consider proposal acts, propose acts, conduct parliamentary control and perform other operations from the competency of the Parliament.

Parliamentary hearings and inquiries can be organised in relevant (line) Committees of the Parliament for the purpose of obtaining information, or expert opinions on proposed acts under the procedure in the Parliament, clarification of individual solutions from proposed or existing acts, clarification of issues relevant for preparation of proposal acts, and for the purpose of successful carrying out of the control function of the Parliament. Parliamentary hearing can be defined as a mechanism for collecting information used by parliamentary committees in their work in the course of analysing proposed acts, and for the control purposes.

Tabular illustration of working bodies activities in 2008:



Committee	Number of meet- ings	Duration of meet- ings (number of days)	Number of con- sidered Agenda items	Number of consid- ered Bills	Number of sub- mitted amend- ments	Number of hearings	
						Consulta tive	Control
Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee	29	38	202	143	781	-	-
Committee on Political System, Justice and Administration	23	23	42	25	218	-	-
Security and Defence Committee	15	16	25	7	7	-	1
Committee on International Relations and European Integration	21	18	104	70	6	2	-
Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	23	45	87	50	206	-	-
Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	6	8	17	7	23	-	-
Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports	5	10	13	5	32	-	-
Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare	7	14	29	25	101	-	-
Administrative Committee	17	20	39	-	-	-	-
Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning	8	13	17	12	85	-	-
Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatization Procedure	4	4	10	-	-	-	-
Gender Equality Committee	5	5	15	3	-	-	-
TOTAL	163	214	600	347	1459	2	1



3. PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY (COOPERATION)

3.1. INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT

In 2008, the President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić had a very rich and intensive foreign political activity. Visits were paid to many European parliaments, there was regular communication with the representatives of the European Parliament, primarily within the 3rd ordinary Inter-Parliamentary Dialogue of the Parliament of Montenegro and European Parliament.

Under such visits, the President Krivokapić was a guest at prestigious European institutes, where he gave noticeable lectures on the current political topics (IFRI French Institute of International Relations, NUPI Norwegian Institute of International Affairs).

During the reporting period the President of the Parliament of Montenegro also took part in gatherings organised by relevant international and regional organisations, including OSCE, Council of Europe, Inter-Parliamentary Union, Socialist International.

In 2008, the President of the Parliament of Montenegro was visited by many official state delegations, headed by Presidents of the Parliaments of Croatia and Republika Srpska, Presidents of Estonia, Croatia and Slovenia, Prime Ministers of Macedonia, Austria and Republika Srpska.

It is particularly necessary to point out the meetings that the President of the Parliament Krivokapić had with the President of the NR China Hu Jintao, President of the National Assembly of France Bernard Accoyer, President of the European Parliament Hans-Gert Pottering and President of the United Nations General Assembly Srgjan Kerim.

An indispensable element of all visits of the President of the Parliament were meetings with Montenegrin immigrants.



FOREIGN-POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT

- ▶ 18-19 February Official visit of the President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić to Bosnia and Herzegovina, including visits to Sarajevo and Banja Luka;
- ▶ 11-13 March working visit to London;
- 20-21 March official visit to Slovenia::
- ▶ 13-18 March visit to Cape Town, Inter-Parliamentary Union;
- **22-24** May Conference of Parliament Speakers of SEE, Strasbourg;
- ▶ 24-27 May working visit to the European Parliament, Brussels;
- ▶ 17-18 June official visit to Croatia:
- ▶ 30 June-2 July working visit to the Parliament of the Republic of Greece and participation in the Conference of Socialist International, Athens;
- **23-25** July working visit to the Italian Parliament, under IPALMO project, Rome:
- ▶ 15-25 August visit to the NR China, Olympic Games, Beijing;
- ▶ 18-21 September participation in the sitting of PA OSCE, Toronto, Canada;
- **24-25 September** participation in PER Conference, Solun;
- ► 5-6 November participation in the 3rd Inter-Parliamentary Dialogue with EP, Brussels:
- ▶ 18-19 November (Paris) Official visit to the Republic of France;
- ▶ 20 November (Frankfurt) participation in the 10th Forum of Germany World Bank with the working title The Century of Asia economic crisis challenges;
- ▶ 27-29 November participation in the Conference of Small Countries, Lichtenstein;
- ▶ 30 November 2 December official visit to Norway.

3.1.2. RELEVANT GUESTS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT

- ▶ 4 January UN, Srgjan Kerim, president of the 62nd session of the General Assembly;
- ▶ 4 February Republika Srpska, Igor Radojičić, president of the National Assembly;
- ▶ 7 March European Commission, Olli Rhen, European Commissionaire for Enlargement;
- ▶ 6 June Council of Europe, Thomas Hammarberg, Commissionaire for Human Rights;
- ▶ 6 June European Commission, Michael Lee, Director General of Enlargement Directorate;
- ▶ 3 July Republika Srpska, Igor Radojičić, President of the National Assembly and Milorad Dodik, Prime Minister;
- ▶ 7 July Croatia, Stjepan Mesić, President;
- ▶ 21 July Austria, Alfred Gusenbauer, Federal Chancellor;
- 2 September Slovenia, Danilo Turk, President;



- 9 September NATO, Mark Fitzgerald, Commander of Joint Force in Europe and American Navy Force for Europe and Africa;
- ▶ 11 September USA, Robert Gelbard, president of Washington Global Partners:
- ▶ 12 September Estonia, Toomas Hendrik Ilves, President;
- ▶ 3 October Russia, Vyacheslav M. Lebedev, President of the Supreme Court;
- 27 October Croatia, Luka Bebić, President of the National Assembly;
- 25 December Macedonia, Nikola Gruevski, Prime Minister.

3.2. INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE PARLIAMENT

3.2.1. VICE PRESIDENT SLAVOLJUB STIJEPOVIĆ

- ▶ 12 13 May 4th Inter-Parliamentary Conference in Sankt Petersburg;
- ▶ 12 December Meeting of the presidents of inter-parliamentary friendship groups of Montenegro and Russian Duma, Slavoljub Stijepović and Valery Ryazansky.

3.2.2. VICE PRESIDENT RIFAT RASTODER

- ▶ 26 February Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Rifat Rastoder received Lenka Sarmirova, advisor for international cooperation and members of the Secretariat of the National Assembly of Slovakia;
- ▶ 27 February Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Rifat Rastoder had a discussion with a delegation of reporters and NGO sector members from the Republic of Albania;
- ▶ 14 April Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Rifat Rastoder attended the Conference of Presidents and Vice Presidents of parliaments from the region;
- ▶ 5 June Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Rifat Rastoder received the delegation from Izmir;
- ▶ 28 June 3 July Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Rifat Rastoder attended the annual session of the Parliamentary Assembly of OSCE in Kazakhstan:
- 22 September Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Rifat Rastoder received the representatives of the European Association of Former MPs;
- ▶ 23 September Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Rifat Rastoder received H.E. Mrs. Ki Young-Hee, Ambassador of Korea to Montenegro.



3.3. INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PARLIAMENT

3.3.1 MILAN RADOVIĆ

- ▶ 1 April Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro Milan Radović received the delegation of the Parliament of Romania;
- ▶ 13-18 April visit to the Parliaments of Austria and Slovakia. Secretaries General of Montenegrin and Slovakian Parliaments Milan Radović and Viktor Stromcek exchanged experiences related to the work of parliamentary administrations.

3.4. STANDING PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS

Members of the Parliament of Montenegro take part in international parliamentary activities in several ways.

The Parliament and standing committees of the Parliament cooperate with Parliamentary Assemblies, i.e. relevant working bodies of Parliamentary Assemblies of international organisations and other international structures for the purpose of fulfilment of the role of the Parliament in the process of European and Euro-Atlantic integration.

Standing Delegations of the Parliament of Montenegro under international parliamentary organisations are one of the forms of international activities of the parliament.

3.4.1. STANDING DELEGATION TO INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU)

Inter-Parliamentary Union - IPU was founded in 1889 as an international organisation of parliaments of sovereign countries with the seat in Geneva. Nowadays it gathers MPs from national parliaments, who consider issues of international importance. The focus of the IPU is on the international dialogue, peace and cooperation among nations and endeavours to establish parliamentary democracy. Currently, the IPU gathers 151 countries and eight associate members. The Parliament of Montenegro became the 147th full member of the Inter-Parliamentary Union on 16 October 2006. The Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the IPU has three members.

From the beginning of the 23rd Parliamentary Term to the end of 2008, the members of the Delegation were Ranko Krivokapić (head of the Delegation), Miodrag Vuković and Branka Bošnjak.



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

Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean - PAM originated from the Conference on Security and Cooperation in the Mediterranean, which has operated under the auspices of the Inter-Parliamentary Union since 1990. Inaugural sitting of the PAM was held on 11 September 2006 in the Parliament of Jordan.

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

In 2008, the Parliament of Montenegro was a member of the PAM. The members of the Delegation during the reporting period were not designated by the Council of the President of the Parliament of Montenegro. During the reporting period, Ph.D. Miodrag Vuković, Chair of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration, and Milan Radović, Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the Conference of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) held at the end of January 2009 in Turkey.

3.4.3. STANDING DELEGATION TO THE NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

North Atlantic Treaty Organization Parliamentary Assembly - NATO PA is an international organisation 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 related to the role of MPs in the area of security and defence.

The Parliament of Montenegro gained the status of an associate member of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly on 26 May 2007. The Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro has three members.

From the beginning of the 23rd Parliamentary Term to the end of 2008 the Delegation members were Borislav Banović (Head of the Delegation), Vasilije Laloević and Miodrag Vuković.

3.4.4. STANDING DELEGATION TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe - PA COE is one of the two major bodies established under the Statute of the Council of Europe and reflects the major political trends in member states. The Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the PS SE has three members (Head of the Delegation and 2 members) and three deputies.



The members of the Delegation in 2008, in the Parliament of 23rd Parliamentary Term were: Predrag Bošković (Head of the Delegation), Ivan Brajović and Andrija Mandić (permanent members), Valentina Radulović-Šćepanović, Džavid Šabović and Dragan Šoć (deputies).

3.4.5. STANDING DELEGATION TO THE OSCE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe - PA OSCE was established upon the Declaration of Madrid, and held its first sitting in Budapest in 1992, when it was decided to establish the seat of the International Secretariat in Copenhagen. The primary task of the 320 members of the Assembly is to facilitate inter-parliamentary dialogue of 56 OSCE participating states.

Montenegro was admitted to OSCE on 22 June 2006, and it signed the Final Document of Helsinki on 1 September 2006.

The Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly has three members (Head of the Delegation and 2 members) and three deputies.

From the beginning of the 23rd Parliamentary Term to the end 2008, the Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the Parliamentary Assembly of OSCE included the Head of the Delegation Ranko Krivokapić, permanent members Drago Čantri and Srđan Brajović and deputies Rifat Rastoder, Obrad Stanišić and Kemal Purišić and secretary of the Delegation Vesna Radulović.

3.5. INTER-PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

Friendship groups are formed with the aim to establish and develop bilateral cooperation with other parliaments and exchange experience with regard to issues of joint interest.

Inter-parliamentary friendship groups encourage better familiarisation among MPs through exchange of delegations, joint meetings of MPs, creation of the climate for faster and more successful resolving of many issues from inter-state cooperation. One of the tasks is to establish connection with adequate group of the representative body of another country.

Under the Parliament of Montenegro in 2008 the following were active groups:

- Friendship Group with parliaments of the European Union countries;
- Friendship Group with Russia, China, the countries of the East;



- Friendship Group with Russian Duma;
- Friendship Group with countries of former SFRY and countries from the region (Albania, Cypress, Bulgaria);
- Friendship Group with the Parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Friendship Group with national parliaments of overseas countries;
- Friendship Group with French Senate;
- Friendship Group with Macedonia:
- Friendship Group with the Parliament of Iran;
- Friendship Group with Romania;
- Friendship Group with Albania;
- Friendship Group with Slovenia;
- Friendship Group with Croatia;
- Friendship Group with Serbia;
- Friendship Group with Austria;
- Friendship Group with Poland;
- Friendship Group with Mediterranean countries;
- Friendship Group with Australia.

The staff of Friendship Groups for the period from the beginning of the 23rd Parliamentary Term to the end of 2008 can be found in the Annex.

3.6. INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEES

The Parliament and the standing committees of the Parliament cooperate with the parliaments of other countries and their respective working bodies on bilateral and multilateral level. The cooperation is exercised through visits of the Delegation or individual MPs, or receiving parliamentary delegations and foreign MPs, participation in international gatherings, exchange of information and other forms of cooperation.

Overview of the international activities of committees:

- ▶ 21-25 January Visit of the members of the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee to the Federal Republic of Germany. This study-informative programme included the visit to the German Bundestag in Berlin, where discussions were held with the Parliamentary Group for South-East Europe and Foreign Policy Committee, and they also took part in the meeting of the Budget Committee, and the discussions in the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung;
- March Committee on International Relations and European Integration took part in the seminar in Bečići;
- ▶ 1 March under the organisation of the Constitutional Issues and Legislative



Committee, the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro and Capacity Development Programme (CDP), a two-day round table was held in the Splendid Hotel in Bečići with regard to the report and recommendations of international expert on the role of the Parliament in harmonisation of the legislation with Acquis in the process of implementation of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement.

- April Committee on International Relations and European Integration attended the seminar of RCCP:
- April Committee on International Relations and European Integration met the Delegation of the Parliament of Romania;
- ▶ 16 April the Chair of the Security and Defence Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro Dragan Kujović met the Ambassador of Austria to Montenegro, Florian Raunig and military attach, colonel Jozef Holz;
- ▶ 16-18 April the Chair of the Security and Defence Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro Dragan Kujović and associate to the Committee Vlatko Šćepanović took part in the work of the Conference held in Trebinje. The topic of the Conference was Regional cooperation and provision of aid in crisis situations and natural disasters problems and perspectives;
- May participation of the Parliamentary Delegation of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration in the seminar in Brussels;
- ▶ 14-15 May Delegation of the Security and Defence Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro upon the invitation of the joint commission for defence and security of Bosnia and Herzegovina paid the return visit to the Parliamentary Assembly of B&H. The members of the Committee Delegation were: Committee Chair Dragan Kujović, MPs: Radivoje Nikčević, Ivan Kalezić, Borislav Banović, Džavid Šabović, Velizar Kaluđerović and Mehmet Bardhi and associate to the Committee Vlatko Šćepanović;
- ▶ 26-27 May Delegation of the Security and Defence Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro upon the invitation of the Parliamentary control commission of German Bundestag Mr. Thomas Oppermann, paid a working visit to German Federal Parliament. The visit of the Committee Delegation is a part of the plan of joint activities of OSCE and Parliament of Montenegro for 2008, under the project Capacity Strengthening of the Parliament of Montenegro, financed by the Government of Austria;
- June Committee on International Relations and European Integration had a meeting with Johannes Aigner, representative of Austrian Ministry of Foreign Relations and European Affairs and Mr. Florian Raunig Austrian Ambassador to Montenegro;
- June Committee on International Relations and European Integration had a meeting with the delegation of the National Assembly of the Republic Croatia;
- June Committee on International Relations and European Integration had a meeting with Solomon Passy, Chair of the Foreign Policy Committee of the Parliament of Bulgaria;
- ▶ July Committee on International Relations and European Integration had a meeting with former Vice President of Bundestag Petra Blaisse;



- ▶ 9-13 July the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee and Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro paid a study visit to the Slovenian Parliament. This study visit was organised under the project focused on capacity strengthening of the two Parliamentary Committees, implemented under the Capacity Development Programme (CDP) with financial resources of UNDP;
- ▶ 14-18 July Delegation of Security and Defence Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro including Drgan Kujović, Goran Batrićević, Borislav Banović and Velizar Kaluerđović took part in the seminar for representatives of parliaments of South-East Europe in George Marshall Centre in Garmisch Partenkirchen in Germany;
- ▶ 18 September members of the Security and Defence Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro had a meeting with the representatives of Judicial Committee of the Norwegian Parliament. The meeting was held in the building of the Parliament of Montenegro, in the blue hall at 3pm;
- ▶ 27 October the Chair of the Security and Defence Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro Dragan Kujović received the representative of Jefferson Institute in Montenegro Jack Petri. The official in the Jefferson Institute for Montenegro Vlado Vulanović also attended the discussion;
- ▶ 28 October In Podgorica, in cooperation of the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung a round table was organised with the topic: Impact of the Parliament on balanced infrastructure development in Montenegro. The guest speaker was Krk Mildner, PhD, state representative of German KfW banking group for Montenegro;
- ▶ 29 October the Chair of the Security and Defence Committee Dragan Kujović received Paige Reffe, director of Reffe Group, who stayed in Montenegro to visit its institutions upon the invitation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro;
- October Committee on International Relations and European Integration held a joint conference with the European Integration Committee of the Parliament of Albania in Valona;
- November Members of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget paid a study visit to Visbaden Germany, under the organisation of GTZ, as to get familiar in details with the process of programme budget establishing and adopting;
- November Committee on International Relations and European Integration had an inter-parliamentary meeting in Brussels;
- November Delegation of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration took part in the seminar in Kishiniev;
- ▶ 23-26 November Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms of the Parliament of Montenegro paid a study visit to the Petition Committee of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, under the OSCE project Capacity Strengthening of the Parliament of Montenegro;
- **December** Committee on International Relations and European Integration received the delegation of the Russian Duma.



3.7. INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF MP GROUPS AND MPS

During 2008, the representatives of all MP Groups attended seminars and round tables organised by international organisations with registered offices in Montenegro.

- ➤ 25 March representatives of the MP Group of the Bosniak Party had a discussion with the Ambassador of the United States of America in Montenegro Roderick Moore:
- MP Group of the Social Democratic Party organised several meetings and receptions of delegations with our MPs performing functions of chairs of working bodies of the Parliament of Montenegro. Also, representatives of the Group attended and took part in seminars and round tables organised by international organisations with registered offices in Montenegro;
- ▶ Representatives of the MP Group of Social Democratic Party attended and took part in seminars and round tables organised by international organisations with registered offices in Montenegro.

3.8 INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS DELIVERING SUPPORT TO THE PARLIAMENT

The following international organizations and foundations provided support to the activities and reforms pursued by the Parliament of Montenegro during the reporting period:

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

The Project to Support Parliamentary Institutions is a joint initiative of the European Agency for Reconstruction (EAR) and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE). Activities consist of the series of round tables, followed by study tours to parliaments of some countries EU member countries, as well as to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the European Parliament. English language courses were also organised. Study tours to countries that have recently completed the democratic transition process were also organised as part of the Project, as well as computer literacy courses.

The Project started in November 2005. Since November 2008, the Delegation of the European Commission in Podgorica has supervised the implementation of the project.



3.7.2. ORGANISATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE (OSCE), MISSION TO MONTENEGRO

Four-year project of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Capacity Strengthening of the Parliament of Montenegro is financed by the Austrian Government via the Austrian Development Agency, with the support of the German Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Project Office in the Parliament, headed by a resident parliamentary advisor, cooperates closely with the management of the Parliament, members of the Parliament, committees and the Parliamentary Administration via daily consultations, round tables, seminars and study tours.

In 2008, following activities were implemented with the support of the OSCE:

- 21 January Professional librarian recruited;
- ▶ 28 January 28 March Development of Situation Analysis and comprehensive proposals for changes (structure, management, internal and external communication strategy, events, PR service and public relations, etc);
- ▶ 10 February 20 March Establishing of database by web designers;
- 26-28 February Regional training on EU integration was organised in Bečići;
- ▶ 28-29 February Committee on International Relations and European Integration organised a round table with the topic Parliament in the process of EU integration in Bečići;
- ▶ 19 March Employees of the Library of the Parliament of Montenegro visited the University Library University of Montenegro in Podgorica;
- ▶ 13-18 April Study visit to the Parliaments of Austria and Slovakia with the focus on the library, research centres, e-parliament and legislation, public relations of the secretary general, employees of the library, PR services and IT section in the Parliament:
- ▶ 21-23 April Ohrid, Macedonia Regional training on EU integration (3rd Module in cooperation with OSCE missions in the region);
- ▶ 5 May Podgorica Presentation of German GTZ and Austrian ADA with regard to programs they implement in Montenegro with the focus on tourism, environmental protection and spatial planning; Committee on tourism, agriculture, ecology and spatial planning;
- ▶ 26-29 May Berlin, Germany, organised study visit to German Bundestag, Security and Defence Committee;
- May-June Survey of MPs and staff on required literature, brochures, periodical publications, data bases and the like aimed at preparations for procurement, Parliament of Montenegro;
- ▶ June Training for COBISS 2 librarians of the Parliament;
- ▶ 12-13 June Kolain Seminar Role of the committee chair and secretary, chairs and secretaries of committees of the Parliament of Montenegro;
- ▶ 7-8 July Round table with the topic Broadcasting of parliamentary sittings;



- **9-10 October** Sarajevo, B&H Regional training on EU, staff of the EU integration committees of parliaments from the region;
- ▶ 16-18 October Valona, Albania Meeting of the EU integration committees of the Parliaments of Montenegro and Albania, EU integration committees;
- **23-25 October** Tirana, Albania 1st Regional meeting of female MPs of the Parliaments of Albania, Montenegro, B&H, Macedonia and Kosovo;
- ▶ 30-31 October public forum in Play, extended sitting of the Committee with participation of the representatives of local government and relevant ministries, Committee on tourism, agriculture, ecology and spatial planning;
- ▶ 24-26 November Study visit to the Parliament of the Czech Republic, members of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, Committee secretaries:
- ▶ 11-13 December Bečići, Montenegro, Seminar for secretaries general and senior officials of the Parliaments of Albania and Montenegro and Human Resources Administration:
- ▶ 12-13 December Skopje, Macedonia, Round Table with the topic Parliament and audit institutions, members of the Committees on Finance and Budget of the parliaments from the region, representatives of state audit institutions.

3.7.3. KONRAD ADENAUER STIFTUNG (KAS)

Activities that are part of the cooperation between the German foundation Konrad Adenauer and the Parliament of Montenegro started in 2003.

- ▶ 21-25 January Montenegrin Parliamentary Delegation visited Germany. This study-informative programme included the visit to German Bundestag in Berlin, discussions with the Parliamentary group for South-East Europe and Foreign Policy Committee, as well as the participation in the sitting of the Budget Committee and discussions in the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.
- ▶ 28 October Podgorica, round table with the topic Impact of the Parliament on balanced infrastructure development in Montenegro. The guest speaker was Krk Mildner, PhD, state representative of German KfW banking group for Montenegro.
- ▶ 8 December Podgorica, round table with the topic: Budget and Parliamentary control of the budget. Guest speaker: Georg Schirmbeck, MP in the German Parliament, member of the Budget Committee and Budget Control Committee.

3.7.4. NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (NDI)

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), with the financial support of the United State Agency for International Development (USAID), has been providing advisory support to the management, members of the Parliament and employees of the Parliament of Montenegro in the form of seminars, consultations, study tours, and literature.



During the reporting period, the following activities were completed with the support of NDI:

- ▶ 21-31 January Study visit to the Parliament of Estonia. Topic: IT system organisation in the Parliament of Estonia. Participants: Vuko Perišić and Sanel Ljušković, employed in the IT Centre of the Parliament of Montenegro.
- ▶ 25-27 July Kolašin Seminar for secretaries and associates to MP Groups of the Parliament of Montenegro. Topics: MP Group organisation, team work, time management, programme policy development and internal and external communication. Participants: employees in MP Groups of the Parliament of Montenegro.
- ▶ 19-21 September Cetinje Seminar for employees of the Parliament of Montenegro. Topics: time management, external and internal communication with the view on Croatian Parliament practice, team work, ethics with the view on the practice in Slovenia and B&H, and human resources management, with the view on practice in Slovenian Parliament. Participants: senior and lower grade civil servants in the Administration of the Parliament of Montenegro.
- ▶ 21-22 November Podgorica Consultations on parliamentary protocol. Topics: role of the protocol, management and carrying out of protocol activities in the parliament, tasks of the organisational unit for protocol in the parliament, delineation of roles and responsibilities within the unit for protocol in the parliament with the view on the practice of Slovenian protocol. Participants: staff of the Parliamentary Administration dealing with issues of public relations, international relations and protocol.

During the reporting period, NDI prepared a number of researches, analyses and publications in order to provide support for the capacity strengthening of the Parliament of Montenegro. Furthermore, it financed and provided advisory support in implementation of the Internship Program.



4. PARLIAMENTARY ADMINISTRATION

4.1. INTERNAL ORGANISATION

The Rules of Procedure of the Parliament stipulate that the Parliamentary Administration is to perform technical and other affairs for the Parliament, committees of the Parliament, members of the Parliament, and certain affairs for MP Groups.

The Rulebook on Organisation and Systematisation of Working Posts regulates the performance of tasks, internal organisation, number of civil servants and state employees and individual job descriptions. The Secretary General adopts the Rulebook on Organisation and Systematisation of Working Posts in the Parliamentary Administration, after obtaining the opinion of the Council of the President.

In terms of rights, duties and responsibilities of the employees of the Parliamentary Administration, the Secretary General of the Parliament has rights and duties of an official managing a ministry.

The organisation of the Parliamentary Administration, systematisation of jobs and tasks, job and task descriptions, descriptions of organisational units and job descriptions for civil servants and state employees are regulated in such a manner to ensure quality, professional and timely performance of jobs and tasks for the Parliament of Montenegro, working bodies of the Parliament and members of the Parliament in the course of exercising their functions.

The present Rulebook on Organisation and Systematisation of the Parliamentary Administration as amended on 27 December 2008³, stipulates the organisation of the Administration in the following manner:

³ Amendments to internal organization were related to the following:

⁻ increase in the number of staff (previous Rulebook envisaged 82 staff; the Rulebook SU-KGS 123/08 increased the number of staff to 145)

⁻ previous Rulebook systematized the working places of advisers to the president, while the Rulebook SU-KGS 123/08 doesnt. According to the previous Rulebook the organizational units were as follows: Office of the President, Office of the Secretary General, Department for carrying out the function of the Parliament and Department for Corporate Affairs. The Department for carrying out the function of the Parliament comprised two organizational units: Legislation Division and Division for meetings of committees and sittings of the Parliament, and the Department for Corporate Affairs comprised lower-level organizational units: Bureau for public relations and international affairs with protocol, Bureau for information-document affairs and Bureau for corporate affairs, which also comprised lower-level organizational units.



Organisational units of the Parliamentary Administration are:

- Cabinet of the President of the Parliament,
- Office of the Secretary General,
- Department for Legislation, and
- Office for Corporate Affairs.

Department for Legislation has following lower-level organisational units, established as divisions:

- Division for Legislation,
- Division for European Integration, and
- Division for Audio Records.

Office for Corporate Affairs has following lower-level organisational units, established as Bureaus:

- Bureau for Legal and Human Resources Affairs,
- Bureau for Public Relations and Protocol,
- Bureau for Research and Library,
- Bureau of the Registry Office, Archives and Technical Affairs,
- ► ICT Bureau,
- Financial Affairs Bureau, and
- Typing pool.

The Rulebook on Organisation and Systematisation of the Parliamentary Administration systematised 82 civil servant and state employee posts.

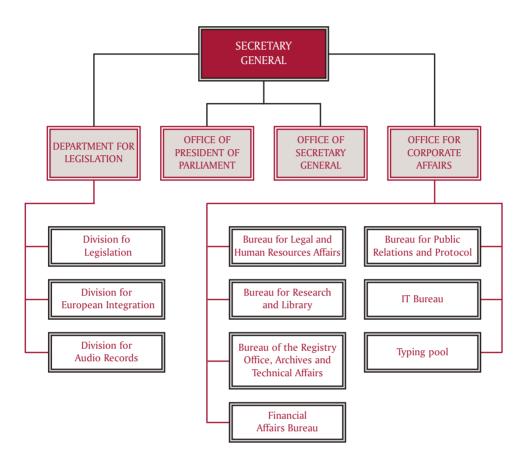
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

Year	Total number of employees in the Parliamentary Administration	Number of Civil Servants	Number of State Employees	
01.01.2008.	79	46	30	
31.12.2008.	87	31	48	

Note: the number of employees also includes trainees. On 1 January 2008 there were 3 trainees employed, while on 31 December 2008 there were 7 trainees employed, and one employee was entitled to salary compensation.



4.2. ORGANISATIONAL CHART OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ADMINISTRATION OF MONTENEGRO





4.3. SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, ROUND TABLES

In 2008, the Parliament of Montenegro organised, co-organised or participated in numerous round tables, seminars, workshops and trainings intended for the development of parliamentarism and improvement of procedures, for Members of the Parliament and employees of the Parliament. Organisers of these events were national and international organisations and some parliamentary working bodies.

- 9 January representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the Fifth regional workshop for female MPs organised by Gender Task Force Regional Gender Equality Centre, held in Zagreb;
- ▶ 19-31 January representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the professional improvement of employees in IT centre, organised by NDI. Held in Tirana:
- ▶ 21-25 January representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro paid study visit to the parliamentary Delegation of Germany organised by Konrad Adenaur, held in Berlin:
- ▶ 29-31 January representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro paid study visit to the Council of Europe Parliament under the project Capacity Strengthening of the Parliament of Montenegro.
- ▶ 14 March representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro attended Training under PS NATO. Organiser NATO Parliamentary Assembly. Held in Brussels.
- **25-28 March** representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro paid study visit to the European Parliament organised by the Council of Europe.
- ▶ 26 March representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the seminar of OSCE dedicated to European integration and UNDP seminar held in Bečići.
- ▶ 27 March representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the seminar annual EC Adriatic Event. Seminar held in Bečići.
- ▶ 29 March representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the seminar of OSCE and Committee on International Relations and European Integration. The seminar was held in Budva.
- ▶ 13-18 April representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro paid a study visit to Austria and Slovakia organised by OSCE, held in Austria, Slovakia, Vienna and Bratislava.
- ▶ 22-23 April representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro paid a study visit with the topic Bring Balkan Parliaments as close to EU as possible, organised by OSCE, held in Ohrid, Macedonia..
- ▶ 12-16 May representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the seminar Communication-political transparency of the work of parliament in the context of European integration, organised by European Parliament.



- ▶ 22 June representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the seminar 69 Rose Roth. Held in Brussels.
- **23-28 June** representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the seminar Training on implementation of the programme budgeting in Montenegro, organised by Human Resources Administration. Held in Podgorica.
- ▶ 4 July representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the seminar Improvement of cooperation between state and civic sectors organised by Association of Citizens for Democracy and Civic Education. Held in Belgrade.
- ▶ 12-14 July representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the seminar dedicated to the role of chairs and secretaries of parliamentary committees, organised by OSCE. Held in Kolašin..
- ▶ 15-17 July representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the seminar where discussions were held on the cooperation between institutions and executive power of the Parliament and State Audit Institution, as well as expectations related to future cooperation based on the example of Slovenian experience. The seminar was organised by GTZ. Held in Kolašin...
- ▶ 16-21 July representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the training in the Central National Library ore Crnojević. The training took place in Cetinje.
- ▶ 19-21 September representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the seminar Capacity strengthening of the Parliamentary Administration. The seminar was held in Cetinje.
- ▶ 29 September representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the seminar Development of internal organisation and systematisation acts organised by the Human Resources Administration. Held in Podgorica.
- ▶ 1-3 October representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the seminar How can parliaments deal with RCI-community, organised by European Parliament.
- ▶ 8 October representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the OSCE seminar held in Sarajevo.
- **9** October representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the regional training for officials in the Committee on International Relations and European Integration, organised by OSCE. The training took place in Sarajevo.
- ▶ 17 October representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the seminar Nomothetic preparation of laws and other acts organised by the Human Resources Administration. Held in Podgorica.
- ▶ 21-22 November representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the seminar from the domain of protocol for officials of the Parliament of Montenegro, organised by NDI. Held in Podgorica. .
- **23-26** November representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro paid a study visit to the Parliament of the Czech Republic in Prague.
- 8 December representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the seminar Training for spending units on the budget planning process for 2010-2012, organised by the Human Resources Administration. The seminar was held in Podgorica.



- ▶ 11-14 December Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the joint seminar of secretaries general with high officials of the Parliamentary Administration of MNE organised by OSCE
- ▶ 12 December representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the seminar on gender equality organised by Gender Equality Office. The seminar took place in Podgorica.
- ▶ 15 December representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro took part in the seminar Parliaments support to harmonised reforms of energy area in South-East Europe organised by the Regional Cooperation Council and the Parliament of B&H. The seminar took place in Sarajevo.

4.4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ADMINISTRATION

4.4.1. LIBRARY OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

In 2008, the Parliament of Montenegro undertook numerous activities related to procurement of books, publications, magazines, computers, introduction of online subscriptions and computer networks, as well as training of employees and MPs in such respect.

Procurement of new titles

The OSCE Mission to Montenegro financed the procurement of 434 new titles in the field of social science (regional publishers) in the value of 7,200.13 euro, not including VAT.

The Parliament of Montenegro financed from its budget the procurement of 27 new titles (3 multi-volume publications) for the Library, published by the Historical Institute, in the value of 920.70 euro.

On behalf of NIP Pobjeda, Mr. Radoica Luburić gave 41 books, in three copies, to the Library as a gift, from their publishing production.

Also, Mr. Janko Brajković, on behalf of the publishing firm Unireks from Nikšić, gave 71 titles to the Library as a gift.

Activities were undertaken related to signing of the agreement between the Parliament of Montenegro and IZUM - Institute of Information Science from Maribor, on application of adequate software for mutual cataloguing and joining to the COBISS/OPAC, with expert assistance of CNB Đurađ Crnojević Cetinje.



Under the mentioned project, in cooperation of the Parliament and OSCE Mission in Montenegro, the Library has been included in the COBISS.CG with expert assistance of the Central National Library Đurađ Crnojević Cetinje, which is the coordinator for Montenegro. The Library of the Parliament of Montenegro became a full member of the system on 5 November 2008. It is very important to point out the beginning of creating the e-catalogue of the Library of the Parliament of Montenegro, which should become a part of mutual on-line catalogue, which is created by all COBISS members, as well as opening of new possibilities for inter-library exchange of titles and information and cooperation with professional institutions.

International Cooperation

In 2008, under the auspices of OSCE Mission, the following activities related to the work of a special library within the Parliament of Montenegro were undertaken:

- According to the plan of joint activities of the OSCE Mission in Montenegro and Parliament of Montenegro in 2008, within the project Capacity Strengthening of the Parliament of Montenegro (2007-2011) and sub-project Capacity Strengthening of the Library and Research Centre of the Parliament of Montenegro, an expert for librarian activities was engaged for the period of fourteen months to provide assistance to employees in efforts to transform the Library, as to become a usable resource for the relevant institution.
- ▶ Visit and establishing of cooperation and librarian borrowings with the University Library.
- Survey on the needs of MPs for newer professional literature: development of the questionnaire, survey carrying out, evaluation of results, producing of priority list for procurement of new titles. MPs and all employees were subject to the survey, where they, as potential users of the Library expressed their opinions, wishes and needs related to the procurement of new titles for the Library. The prepared questionnaire, which was delivered to all employees (80 at the time) and all MPs (81) through the Registry Office, was filled out and returned by 31 respondents. After summarising the results of the survey, a procurement plan was produced.
- Study visit to the Parliaments of Austria and Slovakia (13-17 April 2008). Contact with Parliamentary Libraries of Austria and Slovakia was established in the course of the study visit. The study visit was primarily directed to familiarisation with positive experiences of these institutions with regard to the role, organisation and operations of parliamentary libraries and research centres as important organisational units of every parliament. The way in which these organisational units function in the mentioned parliaments, as well as the significance attributed to the same pointed out the need for reorganisation and paying more attention to the work of the Library and Research Centre of the Parliament of Montenegro. Cooperation was established with technical and administrative services of the mentioned parliaments: parliamentary libraries, research centres, public relations sections, sections for information technologies.



Beginners course Use of programme equipment COBISS COBISS 2/ Cataloguing was held in the premises of the COBISS Centre in the Central National Library Đurađ Crnojević in Cetinje from 16 to 21 June 2008. The course was attended by Čedomir Savović and Svjetlana Aligrudić, as representatives of the special library within the Parliament of Montenegro.

4.4.2. DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

- Preparation of project documents and participation in carrying out tender procedure for the project. Equipping of the Great Hall of the Parliament of Montenegro.
- Procurement of new server infrastructure.
- ▶ Procurement of conference equipment in red and white hall of the Parliament.

Experience exchange:

- Study visit to the Parliament of Estonia. Organisation of IT seminar in the Parliament of Estonia. Organised by: National Democratic Institute in cooperation with the Parliament of Estonia (21 January 31 January 2008)
- > Study visit in the organisation of OSCE Mission to the Parliaments of Austria and Slovakia (13-18 April 2008).



5. PUBLIC NATURE OF THE WORK OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

5.1. FREE ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The Constitution of Montenegro, Article 51 provides for the right to access information under the segment related to political rights and freedoms. The Constitution stipulates that everyone has the right to access information held by the State authorities and organisations exercising public authorisations. The right to access information may be limited if this is in the interest of: the protection of life; public health; moral and privacy; carrying out of criminal proceedings; security and defence of Montenegro; foreign, monetary and economic policy.

This right is elaborated in details under the Law on Free Access to Information from 2005, which pertains to all administrative authorities, and represents a step forward in increasing the openness of public administration authorities to citizens. According to this Law, access to information held by the public administration authorities is free and is exercised in the manner stipulated under the Law. Any national and foreign legal entities and natural persons are entitled to access information held by the public administration authorities. The party submitting a request does not have to prove that his interest in knowing certain information is justified or state the reasons in the request why the access to certain information is requested. Namely, the Law is clear in stipulating that the publication of information held by the public administration authorities is of public interest.

5.1.1. INFORMATION HELD BY THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

The Parliament of Montenegro holds the following documents:

- Acts of the Parliament (Constitution, laws, decisions, resolutions, declarations and the like);
- Authentic interpretation of acts;
- Amendments to proposals of acts;
- Reports, opinions and proposals of working bodies and the Government to the proposal acts;
- Parliament decisions, conclusions and the like concerning confirmation, consents, and opinions to acts of other authorities and bodies;



- Analyses, reports and information prepared in the course of the work of working bodies and the Parliament;
- Reports on carried out elections and confirmation of seats of members of the Parliament:
- Convening of, minutes and audio notes from the sittings of the Parliament and working bodies;
- Requests for extraordinary sessions of the Parliament;
- Oaths and resignations of officials;
- Acts, notes, and other files on discussions held by officials and parliamentary delegations with representatives of other countries and international organisations;
- Opinions of working bodies and the Parliament issued to the Constitutional Court in the proceedings for assessing constitutionality and legality of acts of the Parliament;
- Acts (decisions and proposals) on initiating proceedings for assessing constitutionality and legality of acts;
- Decisions of the Constitutional Court on assessing constitutionality and legality of acts;
- Parliamentary questions and answers;
- Opinions of working bodies and the Government concerning materials, analyses and reports submitted to the Parliament for the purpose of confirming or reviewing them;
- Motions for elections, appointments and dismissals;
- Letters for publishing laws and other acts;
- General acts of the Parliamentary Administration (rulebooks, instructions, ordinances and the like);
- Archive ledgers and log books (registry books);
- Decisions concerning designation of organisational units and registry books;
- Documentation (minutes and other) on receiving, issuing and handing over archive materials;
- Documentation (minutes and other) on elimination of worthless registry materials;
- Records on seal and stamp;
- Decisions, resolutions and other documents on recruitment and termination of employment;
- Decisions, resolutions and other documents on assignments, promotions and awards:
- Files related to advertisement of various competitions, announcements;
- Confirmations, certificates and other documents on status changes (years of contributing to service, wage amounts, leaves, and the like);
- Correspondence (letters, requests, orders and the like) concerning editing and printing of notes;
- Fixed assets ledgers;
- Payrolls;
- General ledgers, charts of accounts and the like;



- Proposals (requests) for provision of funds to the Parliament and the Parliamentary Administration;
- Contracts on procurement, works and services;
- Property and life insurance contracts;
- Petty cash records;
- Acts on appointment of the inventory commission and records on inventory of assets (inventory records);
- Acts (decisions, orders and the like) on equipment and inventory write-off.

5.1.2. REQUESTS FOR FREE ACCESS TO INFORMATION

During the reporting period, a major number of requests for free access to information was submitted by non-governmental organisations.

Requests were mainly asking access to information concerning the computer system for monitoring of the parliamentary procedure and summary review of voting results i.e. copies of electronic listings on voting results of members of the Parliament on certain agenda items, as well as information on financial operations e.g. copies of payrolls for all members of the Parliament, copies of phone bills, copies of documents containing information on amounts spent from the budget of the Parliament of Montenegro for transport and accommodation; amounts received by every member of the Parliament on account of foreign and in-country travel per diems.

NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR FREE ACCESS TO INFORMATION IN 2008.

Year	Number of requests	Decisions allowing access	Decisions partially allowing access	Decisions refusing access	Conclusion s	Notifications	Undecided
2008	229	76	3	16	1	10	69

5.2. PARLIAMENT AND CITIZENS

The Parliament of Montenegro facilitates individual and collective visits to the Parliament as part of the Open Parliament Programme. The core objective of citizens and other organised groups visits to the Parliament, is to get acquainted with the work of the Parliament, its working bodies, MP Groups, as well as other duties as stipulated by the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament.



5.2.1. CITIZENS VISITS TO THE PARLIAMENT

During the reporting period, visits of various groups of citizens to the Parliament of Montenegro were organised. The Parliament hosted several organised groups either alone or in cooperation with the non-governmental sector.

In 2008, the Parliament of Montenegro was visited by:

- ▶ 21 March CDT Internship Programme participants that are interns in the Government, ministries and General Secretariat of the President of Montenegro.
- ▶ 18 April Students Parliament E.S. Radojica Perović from Podgorica.
- ▶ 14 May Forty children from the kindergarten Sunce PI Ljubica Popović from Podgorica.
- ▶ 15 May Thirty students of the Faculty of Law of the Mediterranean University.
- Other events related to citizens in 2008.
- ▶ 8 and 9 November Competition of high school students in simulating the work of European Union institutions.

5.2.2. COOPERATION WITH CIVIC SECTOR

During the reporting period, the Parliament of Montenegro cooperated with the civic sector through collaboration with non-governmental organisations Centre for Democratic Transition (CDT) and Network for Affirmation of the Non-Governmental Sector (MANS).

Programmes implemented in cooperation with CDT:

- Completed Internship Programme programme for internship of students in the Parliament of Montenegro envisaged for school year 2007/2008.
- Visits of citizens to the Parliament of Montenegro (21 March 2008 and 6 June 2008)
- ▶ Initiated Internship Programme for the school year 2008/2009.

Programmes implemented in cooperation with MANS:

Cooperation of the Parliament of Montenegro and MANS established in February 2007 by means of the decision that representatives of this organisation can monitor the work of Parliament sittings and meetings of its working bodies. MANS has published five periodical reports to date concerning transparency and activities of the work of the Parliament of Montenegro, of which three in 2007 and two in 2008.



6. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

The Spending Plan of the Budget, including the spending unit of the Parliament of Montenegro, is established by the Law on Budget for a given year and then adjusted by the Law on Amendments to the Law on Budget for the given year.

The following acts regulate the spending unit of the Parliament:

- Constitution, Official Gazette of Montenegro 1/07
- ▶ Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro, Official Gazette 51/06
- Pravilnik o organizaciji i sistematizaciji radnih mjesta u Službi Skupštine i druga akta
- Rulebook on Organisation and Systematisation of Working Posts in the Parliamentary Administration and other acts
- Budget Law of Montenegro 2008, Official Gazette of Montenegro 017/07-25, 046/08-1.

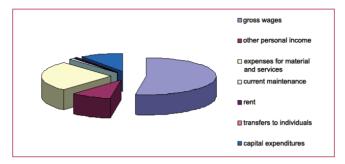
The total amount of funds for the work of the Parliament in 2008: 5,073,015.68€.

6.1. EXPENDITURES IN 2008

The Law on Budget of Montenegro for 2008 approved the current budget funds in the amount of 5,580,361,17 for the Parliament of Montenegro. The total current budget expenditures for the Parliament of Montenegro for 2008 amounted to 5,078,702.90 or 91.01% of approved funds. In 2008, 501,658.27 or 8.99% of approved funds have not been spent.



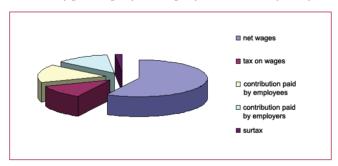
▶ Breakdown of the Budget of the Parliament of MNE for 2008



In the breakdown of the budget expenses for 2008 the funds spent for gross wages make 2,666,693.39 or 52.51% of the total budget funds.

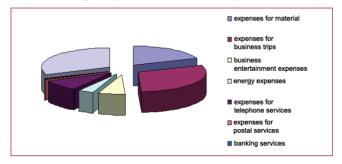
Gross wages of MPs (77) Gross wages for administration (80)

▶ Breakdown of gross wages of the Budget of the Parliament of MNE for 2008



In the structure of total budget funds this item makes 1,323,330.16 or 26.05% which were spend in the following way:

▶ Breakdown of the item Expenses for material and services of the Parliament of MNE for 2008





6.2. REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN 2008

The table below presents an overview of budget execution against planned expenditures of the Parliament of Montenegro for 2008 according to economic classification.

TABLE: BUDGET SPENDING FOR 2008

Chart of Accounts Code	Description	2008 Plan	Funds spent in 2008	
411	Gross wages and contributions paid by the employer	2,589,971.28	2,666,693.39	
4111	Net wages	1,463,829.25	1,541,745.84	
4112	Tax on wages	316,150.34	316,113.06	
4113	Contributions paid by the employee	427,908.30	423,545.16	
4114	Contributions paid by the employer	337,822.34	338,938.71	
4115	Municipal surtax	44,261.05	46,350.62	
412	Other personal income	531,829.00	477,046.33	
4121	Subsistence allowance	52,030.00	26,903.50	
4122	Annual leave allowance	29,799.00	20,947.50	
4128	Allowance for the members of the Parliament	450,000.00	429,195.33	
413	Expenditures for material and services	1,264,060.89	1,320,055.61	
4131	Expenditures for material	300,000.00	253,625.25	
4132	Expenditures for business trips	370,000.00	396,861.88	
4133	Business entertainment costs	60,000.00	82,741.42	
4134	Expenditures for energy	82,224.59	47,763.88	
4135	Expenditures for telephone services	152,422.41	121,552.40	
4136	Expenses for postal services	2,773.89	7,586.98	
4137	Banking services and exchange rate losses	3,000.00	925.93	
4139	Contracted services	293,640.00	408,997.87	
414	Current maintenance	65,000.00	54,500.59	
4142	Current maintenance of buildings	35,000.00	26,837.18	
4143	Current maintenance of equipment	30,000.00	27,663.41	
416	Rent	20,000.00	35,917.68	
4161	Rent of buildings	20,000.00	35,917.68	
431	Transfer to individuals, institutions, non-governmental and public sector	80,000.00	10,240.00	
4313	Transfers to individuals	80,000.00	10,240.00	
441	Capital expenditures	620,000.00	508,562.08	
4415	Expenditures for equipment	270,000.00	257,236.05	
4416	Expenditures for investment maintenance	350,000.00	251,326.03	
	TOTAL::	5,170,861.17	5,073,015.68	



7. ANNEXES

7.1. LIST OF MPS OF THE 23RD PARLIAMENTARY TERM INCLUDING CHANGES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

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- 35. Božo Nikolić
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- 9. Dobrilo Dedeić
- 10. Momčilo Vuksanović
- 11. Radojica Živković
- 12. Jovanka Matković



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- 4. Srđan Milić
- 5. Vasilije Lalošević
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- 7. Dragan Šoć
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 - Andrija Popović since 19 May 2008
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1.Ferhat Dinoša

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7.3. LAWS PASSED IN THE REPORTING PERIOD

NEW LAWS

- 1. Constitutional Law on Amendments to the Constitutional Law for Enforcement of the Constitution of Montenegro (OG 9, 8 February 2008)
- 2. Law on Montenegrin Citizenship (OG 13, 26 February 2008);
- 3. Law on Registers of Permanent and Habitual Residence (OG 13, 26 February 2008):
- 4. Law on Judicial Council (OG 13, 26 February 2008);
- 5. Law on Standardisation (OG 13, 26 February 2008);
- 6. Law on Cinematography (OG 14, 29 February 2008)
- 7. Law on Data Confidentiality (OG 14, 19 February 2008)
- 8. Law on Protection of Wellbeing of Animals (OG 14, 19 February 2008)
- 9. Law on Technical Requirements for products and evaluation of compliance of products with prescribed requirements (OG 14, 29 February 2008)
- 10. Law on Banks (OG 17, 11 March 2008)
- 11. Law on Movement of Blind Persons with an Eye Dog (OG 18, 18 March 2008)
- 12. Law on Travel Documents (OG 21, 27 March 2008)
- 13. Law on Matica Crnogorska (OG 21, 27 March 2008)
- 14. Law on payment of FX funds of citizens deposited with Dafiment Bank AD Beograd and Privatna Privreda DD Podgorica deposited through Jugoskandik DD Beograd (OG 21, 27 March 2008)
- 15. Law on Employment and Work of Foreigners (OG 22, 2 April 2008)
- 16. Law on Genetically Modified Organisms (OG 22, 2 April 2008)
- 17. Law on salaries and other income of civil servants and public officials (OG 33, 27 May 2008)
- 18. Law on Electoral Lists (OG 40, 27 June 2008)
- 19. Law on compensations of pension and disability insurance beneficiaries (OG
- 40, 27 June 2008)
- 20. Law on Commemorative Monuments (OG 40, 27 June 2008)
- 21. Law on Amnesty of persons convicted for crimes prescribed by laws of Montenegro and persons convicted by foreign criminal awards to be enforced in Montenegro (OG 46, 4 August 2008)
- 22. Law on Contracts and Torts (OG 47, 7 August 2008)
- 23. Law on the Capital City (OG 47, 7 August 2008)
- 24. Law on Personal Name (OG 47, 7 August 2008)
- 25. Law on Master Registers (OG 47, 7 August 2008)
- 26. Law on the Environment (OG 48, 11 August 2008)
- 27. Law on Marks of Geographic Origin (OG 48, 11 August 2008)
- 28. Law on General Safety of Products (OG 48, 11 August 2008)
- 29. Law on Tobacco (OG 48, 11 August 2008)
- 30. Law on Labour (OG 49, 15 August 2008)



- 31. Law on Culture (OG 49, 15 August 2008)
- 32. Law on Financing Political Parties (OG 49, 15 August 2008)
- 33. Law on Internal Trade (OG 49, 15 August 2008)
- 34. Law on Custody of Temporarily or Permanently Seized Property (OG 49, 15 August 2008)
- 35. Law on Professional Rehabilitation and Employment of Disabled Persons (OG 49, 15 August 2008)
- 36. Law on Urgent Medical Aid (OG 49, 15 August 2008)
- 37. Law on Explosive Materials (OG 49, 15 August 2008)
- 38. Law on Civil Servants and Employees (OG 50, 19 August 2008)
- 39. Law on Electronic Communications (OG 50, 19 August 2008)
- 40. Law on Spatial Planning and Construction (OG 51, 22 August 2008)
- 41. Law on Nature Protection (OG 51, 22 August 2008)
- 42. Law on Ports (OG 51, 22 August 2008)
- 43. Law on Supplies for Protection of Plants (OG 51, 22 August 2008)
- 44. Law on Mountain Trails (OG 51, 22 August 2008)
- 45. Law on the Game and Hunting (OG 52, 27 August 2008)
- 46. Law on deployment of units of the Army of Montenegro in international forces and participation of members of civil protection, police and employees in state administration authorities in peace missions and international activities (OG 61, 13 October 2008)
- 47. Law on Domestic Payment Operations (OG 61, 13 October 2008)
- 48. Law on Concessions for High-Way Bar-Boljare (OG 64, 27 October 2008)
- 49. Law on Banking System Safeguards (OG 64, 27 October 2008)
- 50. Law on Constitutional Court of Montenegro (OG 64, 27 October 2008)
- 51. Law on Mining (OG 65, 29 October 2008)
- 52. Law on Financing of Water Management (OG 65, 29 October 2008)
- 53. Law on Patents (OG 66, 31 October 2008)
- 54. Law on Aerial Transport (OG 66, 31 October 2008)
- 55. Law on Public Sector Internal Financial Control System (OG 73, 2 December 2008)
- 56. Law on Inheritance (OG 74, 5 December 2008)
- 57. Law on Final Account of the Budget of Montenegro for 2007 (OG 75, 8 December 2008)
- 58. Law on Signing and Enforcement of International Treaties (OG 77, 16 December 2008)
- 59. Law on Personal Data Protection (OG 79, 23 December 2008)
- 60. Law on Public Radio-Broadcasting Services of Montenegro (OG 79, 23 December 2008)
- 61. Law on Metrology (OG 79, 23 December 2008)
- 62. Law on Labour Inspection (OG 79, 23 December 2008)
- 63. Law on Health Inspection (OG 79, 23 December 2008)
- 64. Law on Foreign Trade in Arms, Military Equipment and Dual Purpose Goods (OG 80, 26 December 2008)



- 65. Law on Concessions for Travel of Disabled Persons (OG 80, 26 December 2008)
- 66. Law on National Professional Qualifications (OG 80, 26 December 2008)
- 67. Law on Collections of Data in the Area of Health Care (OG 80, 26 December 2008)
- 68. Law on Foreigners (OG 82, 31 December 2008)
- 69. Law on the Budget of Montenegro for 2009 (OG 82, 31 December 2008)
- 70. Law on Prevention of Conflict of Interest (OG 19 January 2009)
- 71. Law on Ratification of the Convention on Temporary Importation (OG 3, 27 May 2008)
- 72. Law on Ratification of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (OG 3, 27 May 2008)
- 73. Law on Ratification of the Convention on Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage (OG 4, 1 July 2008)
- 74. Law on Confirmation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (OG 4, 1 July 2008)
- 75. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on the international occasional carriage of passengers by coach and bus (Interbus Agreement) (OG 4, 1 July 2008)
- 76. Law on Confirmation of the Agreement between Montenegro and Republic of Hungary on social security and individual issues of social security with Administrative Agreement on enforcement of the Agreement between Montenegro and Republic of Hungary on social security and individual issues of social security (OG 6, 15 October 2008)
- 77. Law on Confirmation of the Agreement between Montenegro and Grand Duchy of Luxembourg on social security and individual issues of social security with Administrative Agreement on enforcement of the Agreement between Montenegro and Grand Duchy of Luxembourg on social security and individual issues of social security (OG 6, 15 October 2008)
- 78. Law on Confirmation of International Convention against Doping in Sport (OG 6, 15 October 2008)
- 79. Law on Ratification of the European Landscape Convention (OG 6, 15 October 2008)
- 80. Law on Ratification of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (OG 6, 15 October 2008)
- 81. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (OG 7, 8 December 2008)
- 82. Law on Ratification of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (OG 7, 8 December 2008)
- 83. Law on Confirmation of Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OG 9, 31 December 2008)
- 84. Law on Confirmation of the Convention o the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (OG 9, 31 December 2008)
- 85. Law on Ratification of the Framework Convention on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society (OG 1, 12 March 2008)



- 86. Law on Ratification of the Agreement, between the Minister Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina and governments of other SEECP member countries, Interim Administration of United Nations on Kosovo on behalf of Kosovo in accordance with the Resolution of Security Council of United Nations 1244 on arrangements of the host country for the Council Secretariat for regional cooperation (OG 1, 12 March 2008)
- 87. Law on Ratification of the Protocol on Amendments to the International Convention on Simplification and Harmonisation of Customs Procedures (OG 1, 12 March 2008)
- 88. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the governments of Benelux and the Government of Montenegro on abolishing visas for holders of diplomatic and official passports (OG 2, 31 March 2008)
- 89. Law on Confirmation of the European Charter of Local Self-Government (OG 5, 7 August 2008)
- 90. Law on Confirmation of the Council of Europe Convention on the Prevention of Terrorism (OG 5, 7 August 2008); Law on Confirmation of the Council of Europe Convention on Laundering, Search, Seizure and Confiscation of the Proceeds from Crime and on the Financing of Terrorism (OG 5, 7 August 2008)
- 91. Law on Confirmation of the Second Additional Protocol to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (OG 5, 7 August 2008)
- 92. Law on Ratification of the International Plant Protection Convention (OG 8, 18 December 2008)
- 93. Law on Ratification of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (OG 8, 18 December 2008)

LAW AMENDMENTS

- 1. Law on Amendments to the Law on Medications (OG 18, 18 March 2008);
- 2. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Employment (OG 21, 27 March 2008);
- 3. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Expropriation (OG 21, 27 March 2008);
- 4. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Veteran and Disability Care (OG 21, 27 March 2008);
- 5. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Customs (OG 21, 27 March 2008);
- 6. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on State Administration (OG 22, 2 April 2008);
- 7. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Courts (OG 22, 2 April 2008):
- 8. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Stamp Duties (OG 22, 2 April 2008);



- 9. Law on Amendments and Supplement to the Criminal Code (OG 40, 27 June 2008);
- 10. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Construction (OG 40, 27 June 2008);
- 11. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on State Prosecutor (OG 40, 27 June 2008);
- 12. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Corporate Profit Tax (OG 40, 27 June 2008);
- 13. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Budget of Montenegro for 2008 (OG 46, 4 August 2008);
- 14. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Protection of Plant Species (OG 48, 11 August 2008);
- 15. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Notaries (OG 49, 15 August 2008);
- 16. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Arms (OG 49, 15 August 2008);
- 17. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Strike (OG 49, 15 August 2008);
- 18. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on International Current and Capital Transactions (OG 62, 15 October 2008);
- 19. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Bankruptcy and Liquidation of Banks (OG 62, 15 October 2008);
- 20. Law on Supplements to the Law on Insolvency of Business Organisations (OG 62, 15 October 2008);
- 21. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Waste Management (OG 73, 2 December 2008);
- 22. Law on Amendments to the Law on Protection of Unpublished Data (OG 73, 2 December 2008);
- 23. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Excise Law (OG 76, 12 December 2008)
- 24. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Free Zones (OG 76, 12 December 2008)
- 25. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Tobacco (OG 76, 12 December 2008)
- 26. Law on Amendments to the Law on Supplies for Plant Feeding (OG 76, 12 December 2008)
- 27. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Stamp Duties (OG 77, 16 December 2008)
- 28. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Pension and Disability Insurance (OG 79, 23 December 2008)
- 29. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Contributions for Compulsory Social Insurance (OG 79, 23 December 2008)
- 30. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Business Organisations (OG 80, 26 December 2008)
- 31. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Accounting and Auditing (OG 80, 26 December 2008)



