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FOREWORD BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

Dear citizens of Montenegro,

Maturity of every state is measured by the Parliament's position as a fundamental institution in the constitutional setup of allocation of powers. The Parliament, as an expression of the direct will of the citizens, represents a temple of democracy that preserves the essential values of the society. The Parliament is also the place of basic political dialog and resolving of disputes, which converges all real political differences and contradictions inherent to every democratic society. Parliamentary dialog is a source of decisions on policies that represent key state interest.

The Parliament of Montenegro has continuously improved its position in all domains of parliamentary work. Owing to joint efforts of all parliamentarians, we earned high marks in annual reports of the European Commission, which noted continuous and dynamic development of the Montenegrin parliamentarism.

It may be honestly said that the Parliament of Montenegro has become a strong generator of European integration of Montenegro.

Before you is the Performance Report of the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro.

Since the transparency of the work is just one of the elements of general availability of our performance results, the publication before you provides information on the key achievements of the Parliament of Montenegro in the previous mandate.

During the 24th Convocation of the Parliament, extending from 23 April 2009 to 6 November 2012, 63 ordinary and 14 extraordinary sittings were held, where a total of 461 laws, 5 constitutional laws and 235 other acts were adopted.

The Parliament of Montenegro started the work of amending the Constitution of Montenegro by adopting the proposal on amendments to the Constitution and draft amendments to the Constitution, submitted to the Venice Commission for review, as one of the most relevant international professional addresses in the field of democracy and human rights.

As one of the key requirements of the European Commission, the new Law on amendments to the Law on Election of Councillors and Members of the Parliament was adopted in accordance with the recommendations of the Venice Commission, improving the current normative solutions, which are a step forward in respecting international standards in this field.

Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament were adopted by consensus, creating an important precondition for improvement of the overall parliamentary work.

During this Convocation, control hearings became the inevitable practise in the work of the Parliament's working bodies and the mechanism through which the Parliament conducts and improves its oversight role. For the first time, Constitutional Institute of Parliamentary Investigation was activated by adopting the Law on Parliamentary Investigation, which fully regulated this field.

In accordance with the recommendations related to the improvement of transparency of work of the Parliament and its working bodies, a significant step forward was made with the introduction of live-streaming i.e. live broadcasting of the sittings of the Parliament and parts of the Committee meetings, thus enabling direct insight into the work of the Parliament and its working bodies.

Good practise of participation of civil society representatives in the work of the working bodies of the Montenegrin Parliament has continued.



Transparency of work has also been contributed by the Parliament's new web site on daily basis, where anyone interested may find information on the work of the legislative power and its representatives, as well as by the "Open Parliament" project.

The strengthened administrative capacities, increased involvement of highly educated staff, ready and trained to manage the most complex tasks resulting from the process of European integration have contributed to the work of the Parliament's working bodies to carry out necessary preparations for the plenary sessions, and day-to-day work of the Parliament's committees.

By adopting the Declaration on accepting European Parliament Resolution on Srebrenica on 9 July 2009, the Montenegrin Parliament was the first to condemn the genocide in Srebrenica and all crimes committed in the territory of the former Yugoslavia, thus contributing to the further recognisability of Montenegro as a factor of stability and reconciliation in the region.

The Parliament of Montenegro hosted many international gatherings, chaired several regional initiatives and was a strong promoter of regional cooperation through now traditional Cetinje Parliamentary Forum. Furthermore, the Parliament intensified other activities on an international level, and by strengthening parliamentary diplomacy, it additionally profiled and promoted international position of Montenegro.

A major challenge before us is the opening of negotiations between Montenegro and the European Union in which the Parliament of Montenegro becomes a key political institution of European integrations. Our efforts will remain the same in the following mandate, and I am confident they will be a credit to the Montenegrin parliamentarism and the future generations to inherit the home of Montenegrin political dialog.

Sincerely,

Ranko Krivokapić

I INTRODUCTION

The 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro was constituted on 23 April 2009, following the parliamentary elections held on 29 March 2009. More than three years later, on 26 July 2012, at the Tenth Sitting of the First Ordinary Session, the Decision on shortening of the mandate of the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro (Official Gazette of Montenegro No 41 /12) was adopted.

By confirming the mandate to the MPs of the 25th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro, on 6 November 2012, the mandate of the MPs of 24th Convocation was terminated.

Period of the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro was marked by significant improvement of the legislative and oversight role of the Parliament, which reflected on the number of sittings of the Parliament and meetings of its working bodies, number of adopted laws, and strengthening of the scrutiny mechanisms of the Parliament. The Parliament adopted 305 new laws, 156 laws on amendments and five constitutional laws. Among the adopted laws is the Law on amendments to the Law on Election of Councillors and Members of the Parliament, by the adoption of which, the obligation of harmonization of electoral law with the Constitution of Montenegro was fulfilled. Additionally, the laws that fully regulate implementation of parliamentary oversight in the field of security and defence and conducting of parliamentary investigation were adopted for the first time. (*Law on Parliamentary Oversight of Defence and Security and Law on Parliamentary Investigation*).

Focus in the work of the Parliament was largely transferred from Plenum to the working bodies, so the intensity of their work increased considerably. Compared to the 23rd Convocation, a significantly higher number of control and consultative hearings was organized, as well as a number of thematic sittings, sittings outside the Parliament building, and visits to various institutions, conferences, public debates, round tables and other similar events.

The intensification of the work, especially at the level of working bodies, was additionally contributed by the implementation of the Action Plan for Strengthening of the Legislative and Oversight Role of the Parliament of Montenegro (for the period December 2010 - November 2011), adopted by the Collegium of the President of the Parliament of Montenegro on 9 December 2010, after the European Commission Opinion on Montenegro's application for EU membership was published. In the aim of the efficient fulfilment of recommendations of the Commission, the Collegium envisaged 31 measures and activities in the Action Plan, related to the adoption of laws and other acts, improvement of efficiency and transparency of the work of the Parliament, strengthening of administrative capacities and strengthening of the capabilities of the Parliament to control and monitor harmonization of the Montenegrin legislation with the legislation of the European Union.

In the reporting period, the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro were amended four times (in December 2009, December 2010, July 2011 and May 2012), while the Decision on amendments to the Rules of

24TH CONVOCAATION IN FIGURES

- ◇ 305 new laws, 156 amendments to laws and five constitutional laws adopted;
- ◇ 63 ordinary and 14 extraordinary sittings of the Parliament held, with the duration of 994 hours;
- ◇ 631 items of the agenda considered in the Parliament sittings;
- ◇ 5.479 amendments considered in committee meetings and 3.160 amendments in the Parliament sittings;
- ◇ 90 questions referred to the Prime Minister and 953 to the members of the Government, as well as 110 supplementary questions;
- ◇ 827 working bodies meetings held;
- ◇ 71 consultative and 15 control hearings held;
- ◇ 752 hours of programme produced;
- ◇ 433 requests (with 1.744 items) for free access to information responded to;
- ◇ Total of 957 parliamentary acts recorded at the Registry Office of the Parliament.

The Parliament adopted the Law on amendments to the Law on Election of Councillors and Members of the Parliament on 8 September 2011, fulfilling the obligation of harmonization of electoral law with the Constitution of Montenegro and recommendations of ODIHR and Venice Commission. This Law, among other things, solves the issue of voting right and issue of authentic representation of minorities



Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro, adopted on 8 May 2012, was particularly important.

The Parliament improved its administrative and financial autonomy by adopting the Law on Amendments to the Law on Budget and Law on Amendments to the Law on Civil Servants and State Employees. In that way, better conditions were created for the work of the Parliament and realizing its functions, especially taking into account numerous obligations in the European integrations process, and the need to increase the administrative capacities.

Internationally, the Parliament intensified its work through various forms of parliamentary diplomacy, such as meetings, official visits, but also organization of international events. In that regard, 2010 was especially important, as Montenegro chaired three regional initiatives: Central European Initiative (CEI), South East European Cooperation Process (SEECP) and Adriatic- Ionian Initiative (AII).

Period of the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro will also be remembered for significant events and activities in the field of Montenegro's EU integration. By obtaining the candidate status, and later by adoption of decision on opening of negotiations, essentially new phase in this process commenced, which puts considerably serious challenges before all state authorities, including the Parliament of Montenegro. In that regard, great attention was dedicated to harmonization of the legislation of Montenegro with the EU legislation, but also to the strengthening of the cooperation of the Parliament with the EU member states, and institutions of the European Union, especially the European Parliament. The first common body of the Parliament of Montenegro and the European Parliament - Stabilization and Association Parliamentary Committee (SAPC) was set up in June 2010. SAPC meets twice a year in Brussels and Podgorica, and since its establishment it has held four meetings, at which various topics were discussed and declarations and recommendations adopted.

In addition, after the candidate status for the EU membership was obtained, the representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro got the opportunity to participate, as observers, in the meetings of the representatives of the committees of national parliaments of the EU member states. In that way, Montenegrin MPs established regular political dialog with the European parliamentarians and got the opportunity to exchange opinions on the EU policies.

Regarding the administrative capacities, it is necessary to emphasize that, in order to provide more quality assistance to the MPs in performing their legislative and oversight functions, the Parliament Service introduced a series of novelties, especially regarding monitoring harmonisation of Montenegro's legislation with the legislation of the EU. Great attention was dedicated to human resource development, i.e. professional development of the Parliament Service through various forms of trainings. In mid-2010 new Rulebook on Organization and Systematization of the Parliament Service was adopted and new organizational units

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE DURING THE PERIOD OF THE 24TH CONVOCATION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

The obligation of harmonization of certain provisions of the Rules of Procedure with the Constitution of Montenegro (legal-technical and terminology) was fulfilled by amendments to the Rules of Procedure adopted in December 2009.

The amendments adopted in December 2010 allowed MPs Groups to hire several professional consultants at the expense of the Parliament, so that an MPs group consisting of up to five members may hire one professional consultant, group of 15 MPs may hire two and the group over 15 MPs may hire one consultant for each group of 10 MPs. This provision was amended again in July 2011, and the decision was adopted to allocate funds for appointment of secretary and professional consultants in a group according to the number of MPs in that group, and the decision for the Administrative Committee of the Parliament to establish control procedure for special purpose spending of such funds. In addition, the competence of the Administrative Committee of the Parliament was expanded in the part regarding the establishment of compensations for employees of the Parliament Service, upon the proposal of the Secretary General of the Parliament.

Division of a number of committees, as well as the establishment of the new Anti-corruption Committee was provided by the Decision on Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament, adopted in May 2012. Instead of the previous Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee, Constitutional Committee and Legislative Committee will be formed, while the Committee on International Relations and European Integration will be divided into the Committee on International Relations and Emigrants and the Committee on European Integration. Competencies of the committees have been expanded, and innovation is that seven committees will, within its scope of competence, monitor and assess compliance with the legislation of the European Union and monitor implementation of adopted laws, especially those arising from the obligation in line with the EU law.

The manner of establishment of sub-committees was determined, and the Decision has provided for the proposal for the agenda to contain at least one proposal for act submitted by the MPs of the parliamentary minority. The decisions to hold Prime Minister's Hour every month within the ordinary session (instead once in two months) and that the committees, once during the ordinary session of the Parliament, should adopt decisions on holding of control hearing, upon the request of one third of the members, with one item of the agenda, were adopted.

formed: Section for recording and broadcasting of the Parliament sessions, Human Resources Management Bureau, Internal Audit Department and Public Procurement Bureau. Three-year Human Resources Development Strategy was adopted, along with the Strategic Plan for the period 2011-2014, and the Training Plan.

Regarding the publicity of the work and communication with the citizens, the Parliament realized numerous activities through the “Open Parliament” program, in order to constantly improve communication with the citizens and civil sector and provide quality and timely information about its work. The Parliament Service prepares and publishes semi-annual performance and financial reports, and for the first time, the performance report of the convocation of the Parliament is being published. As part of this program, since March 2012, the Parliament Service, has fully taken over editing, translating, page makeup and release of the “Open Parliament” bulletin, while the pilot program “Democracy Workshops”, dedicated to elementary school students commenced with the aim to encourage interest of youth for democracy, decision-making and political system through introducing them with the work of MPs and the Parliament as an institution. Numerous visits of the citizens, exhibitions and other appropriate events were organized.

Cooperation of the Parliament with the civil sector significantly improved, which is confirmed by increased participation of the civil society representatives in the meetings of the working bodies, especially those dedicated to consultative hearings. It is important to emphasize that Memorandum on Cooperation between the Parliament of Montenegro and Network of Civil Society Organization for Democracy and Human Rights was signed in March 2011, which also defined principles of cooperation of the Parliament with other interested NGOs. Cooperation with the civil sector was also achieved through numerous projects, such as internship program in the Parliament, Sessions of the Children’s Parliament, visits to the Parliament, etc. Apart from intensive activities aimed at improving transparency of work and strengthening administrative capacities, a series of significant IT projects were conducted during the 24th Convocation of the Parliament contributing to better informing of citizens and functioning of the Parliament. The Great Hall of the Parliament was equipped with audio-visual equipment, which created conditions for independent TV broadcasts, graphical overview of voting, voting results, etc. Since March 2010, the Parliament has broadcasted live sessions on TV with its own capacities, as well as live streaming of sessions on its webpage. In addition, on 1 December 2011, SMS Broadcast Service was introduced to notify MPs on sittings via SMS. In 2011, scanning of complete documentation in relation to the legislative process and its publishing on the website of the Parliament also commenced. Furthermore, all electronic voting results recorded in the previous three years were published, while publishing of other listings is underway. During 2012, the Parliament Service conducted a series of activities in the framework of introduction of e-parliament and the new website of the Parliament. Furthermore, preparation of technical documentation commenced in order to equip parliament rooms and master control room for the needs of the Parliamentary Channel.

Detailed information on the work of the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro, its working bodies, international activities, parliamentary cooperation, publicity of the work, as well as on other events and activities that marked the reporting period, are contained in the following pages of this report.

The Report is divided into several following chapters:

- ◇ **General information of the Parliament**
- ◇ **Legislative and oversight activity**
- ◇ **Parliamentary cooperation**
- ◇ **Publicity of the Parliament’s work**
- ◇ **Professional, administrative and technical support**
- ◇ **Finance**

Appendices of this report include list of adopted laws, list of control and consultative hearings held during the 24th Convocation of the Parliament and organizational chart of the Parliament Service.

Parliamentary staff from every organisational unit has participated in the preparation of the report, in line with pertinent area of responsibility. The reports and minutes from the plenary sittings and committee meetings, monthly activity reports, official trip reports and records kept in the organisational units on various issues were used as a source of information. The presentation of data in this Report were prepared by the Secretary General’s Office, in cooperation with the Section for Research, Analysis, Documentation and Library and Department for Public Relations, International Affairs and Protocol.

Detailed information is available in the annual reports on the work of the Parliament of Montenegro.



NEWS IN THE 24TH CONVOCAATION

- ◇ First joint body of the Parliament of Montenegro and the European Parliament –Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee (SAPC) was formed;
- ◇ Collegium of the President of the Parliament adopted the Action Plan for Strengthening of the Legislative and Oversight Role of the Parliament of Montenegro for the period December 2010 – November 2011;
- ◇ The practise of adopting the Calendar of Activities of the Parliament was introduced, to schedule certain days in a month for sittings of the Parliament, meetings of the working bodies, as well as MP days for the work of MPs in the groups and with the citizens;
- ◇ Working bodies of the Parliament adopt annual plans of work and annual performance reports , starting from January, 2011;
- ◇ The practice of committee secretaries preparing informative review – briefing, for each item on the agenda considered at committee meetings, was introduced; guidelines for preparation and the content of the briefing adopted;
- ◇ System of monthly reporting developed in the Service of the Parliament, providing better insight into the work of organisational units and, at the same time, facilitating the preparation of semi-annual and annual performance reports of the Parliament;
- ◇ 31 October was established for the Parliamentarism Day, when in 1906, in Cetinje the First People's Parliament sitting was held;
- ◇ Session of the Women's Parliament was held, on the occasion of 8 March, International Women's Day, with the aim of promotion of women human rights;
- ◇ With its own capacities, the Parliament commenced live TV broadcast of the parliament sittings; live broadcast from the press position in the building of the Parliament was allowed via Internet; SMS Broadcasting Service started to operate; session broadcast via internet provided (via live streaming-a);
- ◇ Individual voting results were published at the web site of the Parliament;
- ◇ The new Rulebook on Organisation and Systematisation of the Service of the Parliament adopted, with the aim of faster and better response to current and future needs and requirements, through the merging of certain organizational units, systematisation of new job posts and elimination of previous ones.
- ◇ New Rules on Document Management in the Parliament adopted, which precisely regulate all procedures related to receiving mail, mail form, filing, sorting and scheduling of materials and documents, their records, forwarding, archiving and preservation until the handover to the Archives Department of the Parliament;
- ◇ New Classification Plan according to content adopted, that has been formally applied since 1 January 2011, but its trial application started in 2010. The Plan enables precise classification of all documents received by the Registry Office, for their further efficient archiving and use;
- ◇ EPA registry established and EPA records have been used in the parliamentary service since the beginning of 2011;

- ◇ The Parliament of Montenegro received Licences for the translation and use of Eurovoc Thesaurus from authorized Publications Office of the European Union that is the multidisciplinary, multilingual glossary covering all activities of the EU, in particular the European Parliament, and containing terms in 22 languages of EU Member States, as well as in Croatian and Serbian;
- ◇ Parliament Service commenced with the development of the parliamentary research papers; in accordance with the adopted Rules, Department for Research, Analysis, Library and Documentation prepares research papers upon request of the President, Vice-Presidents of the Parliament, MPs and the Secretary General;
- ◇ Human Resources Development Strategy adopted for the period 2011-2014, together with the Strategic and Training Plan;
- ◇ Memorandum of Understanding between the Parliament of Montenegro and Network of Civil Society Organisations for Democracy and Human Rights signed on 30 March. At the same time, the Form for submission of opinions of the representatives of the civil sector posted on the Parliament Website;
- ◇ Pilot program “Democratic Workshops” commenced, dedicated to elementary school students, with the aim to encourage interest of the young in politics, though introducing them with the work of MPs and the Parliament as an institution;
- ◇ Issuance of the weekly electronic publication News from the EU Institutions commenced, which contains translated news from official web sites of the EU Institution;
- ◇ Issuance of monthly bulletin “Open Parliament” commenced, in cooperation with the Centre for Democratic Transition, and with support of the European Commission through the Delegation of the EU to Montenegro, and since March, 2012 the Parliament Service took over its preparation, wrap-up, translation and issuing of the bulletin;

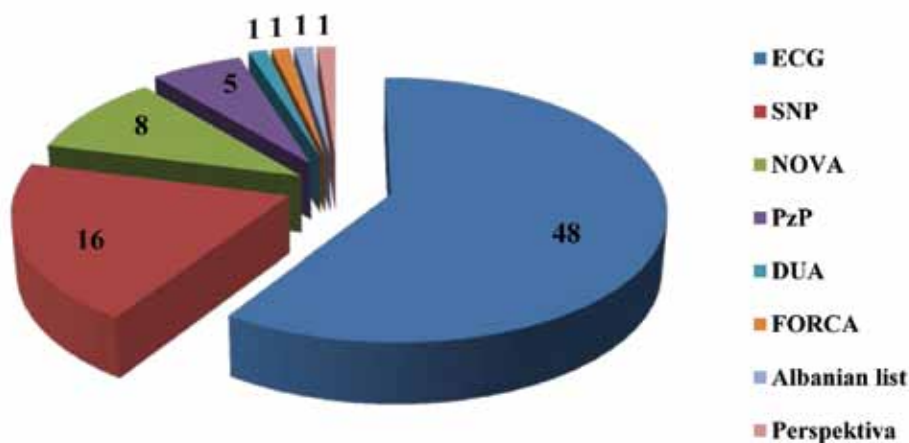
II GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1. PARLAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN 2009

Elections for Members of the Parliament of Montenegro were held on 29 March, 2009 and 81 MPs were elected. Elections took place in Montenegro as a single election unit, in which five out of the total number of MPs were elected in pooling stations determined by the special Decision of the Parliament. Following election lists won seats:

- ◇ **“EUROPEAN MONTENEGRO” – MR. MILO ĐUKANOVIĆ** –submitted by Democratic party of Socialists of Montenegro (DPS), Social-Democratic Party (SDP), Bosniak Party (BS) and Croatian Civic Initiative (HGI);
- ◇ **SNP- SOCIALIST PEOPLE’S PARTY OF MONTENEGRO – MR. SRĐAN MILIĆ**, submitted by the Socialist People’s Party of Montenegro;
- ◇ **NEW SERB DEMOCRACY – MR. ANDRIJA MANDIĆ**, submitted by the New Serb Democracy;
- ◇ **MOVEMENT FOR CHANGES – “WE CAN” – MR. NEBOJŠA MEDOJEVIĆ**, submitted by the Movement for Changes;
- ◇ **UDSH – DUA, MR. FERHAT DINOSHA**, submitted by the Democratic Union of Albanians;
- ◇ **FORCA – MR. NAZIF CUNGU**, submitted by the New Democratic Force;
- ◇ **ALBANIAN LIST – LISTA SHQIPTARE: DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE IN MONTENEGRO - LIDHJA DEMOKRATIKE NË MAL TË ZI – MR. MEHMET BARDHI &ALBANIAN ALTERNATIVE – ALTERNATIVA SHQIPTARE – MR. GJERGJ CAMAJ**, submitted by the Democratic Alliance and Albanian Alternative;
- ◇ **“ALBANIAN COALITION – PERSPECTIVE” „KOALICIONI SHQIPTAR – PERSPEKTIVA”**, submitted by the group of citizens “Civic Initiative Tuzi” and group of citizens “New Alliance”.

Results of the parliamentary elections in 2009 - number of seats



After parliamentary election in 2009, the composition of the Parliament of Montenegro was as follows:

Table 1 – Results of the parliamentary elections in 2009

Election list	Number of votes won	Number of members in the Parliament of Montenegro	Representation in the Parliament of Montenegro in %
“European Montenegro”	168.290	48	59,26
SNP- Socialist People’s Party of Montenegro – Mr. Srdan Milić	54.547	16	19,75
New Serbian Democracy– Mr. Andrija Mandić	29.883	8	9,88
Movement for Changes – “We Can” – Mr. Nebojša Medojević	19.546	5	6,17
UDSH – DUA, Mr. Ferhat Dinosha	4.747	1	1,23
FORCA – Mr. Nazif Cungu	2.939	1	1,23
Albanian list – ListaShqiptare: Democratic Alliance in Montenegro – Lidhja demokratike në Mal të Zi – Mr. Mehmet Bardhi & Albanian Alternative – AlternativaShqiptare – Mr. Gjergj Camaj	2.898	1	1,23
“Albanian Coalition – Perspective” „Koalicioni Shqiptar – Perspektiva”	2.619	1	1,23



Fourth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session in 2012



2.2.MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

At the Constitutive Sitting held on 23 April, 2009, the mandate of 81 MPs of the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro had been verified. The initial composition of the Parliament of Montenegro was changed in 35 cases.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE 24TH CONVOCATION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO, WITH CHANGES IN COMPOSITION

European Montenegro –Mr. Milo Đukanović

1. Mr. Milo Đukanović until 9 June, 2009 (resignation)
Mr. Zarija Franović, MA from 9 June, 2009 to 30 January, 2012 (resignation)
Ms. Njegosava Vujanović from 30 January, 2012
2. Mr. Svetozar Marović until 9 June, 2009 (resignation)
Mr. Đorđe Pinjatić, MA from 9 June, 2009
3. Mr. Željko Šturanović
4. Mr. Igor Lukšić, PhD until 9 June, 2009 (resignation)
Mr. Milorad Vuletić from 9 June, 2009
5. Mr. Ranko Krivokapić
6. Mr. Predrag Sekulić, MA until 29 December, 2010 (resignation)
Mr. Nebojša Kavarić, Dr from 26 April, 2011 until 29 February, 2012 (resignation)
Mr. Mirsad Mulić from 13 March, 2012
7. Mr. Mevludin Meco Nuhodžić
8. Mr. Miodrag Bobo Radunović, Dr until 9 June, 2009 (resignation)
Ms. Branka Tanasijević, MA from 9 June, 2009
9. Mr. Branimir Gvozdenović until 9 June, 2009 (resignation)
Mr. Branko Čavor from 9 June, 2009
10. Mr. Rifat Rastoder
11. Mr. Miodrag Vuković, docent PhD
12. Mr. Milutin Simović until 9 June, 2009 (resignation)
Mr. Husnija Šabović from 9 June, 2009
13. Mr. Miomir Mugoša, Dr until 29 February, 2012 (resignation)
Mr. Zoran Srzentić, Dr from 13 March, 2012
14. Mr. Milan Roćen until 9 June, 2009 (resignation)
Mr. Vladan Vučelić from 9 June, 2009 until 30 January, 2012 (resignation)
Mr. Nikola Gegaj from 30 January 2012
15. Mr. Ivan Brajović until 9 June, 2009 (resignation)
Mr. Mićo Orlandić from 9 June, 2009
16. Ms. Gordana Đurović, PhD until 9 June, 2009 (resignation)
Mr. Drago Čantrić from 9 June, 2009
17. Mr. Slavoljub Stijepović until 9 June, 2009 (resignation)
Mr. Radoica Luburić from 9 June, 2009 until 1 December 2010 (resignation)
Mr. Milutin Simović, MA from 29 December, 2010
18. Mr. Dragan Đurović until 29 February, 2012 (resignation)
Mr. Samir Agović until 13 March, 2012
19. Mr. Tarzan Milošević until 29 December, 2010 (resignation)
Mr. Željko Avramović from 25 May, 2011
20. Mr. Vujica Lazović, PhD until 9 June, 2009 (resignation)

- Ms. Hidajeta Bajramspahić from 9 June, 2009
21. Mr. Boro Vučinić until 9 June, 2009 (resignation)
Mr. Radoje Žugić, MA from 9 June, 2009 to 14 October, 2010 (resignation)
Mr. Zoran Vukčević from 26 October, 2010
22. Mr. Božidar Vuksanović, MA until 30 January, 2012 (resignation)
Mr. Jasmin Sutović from 30 January, 2012
23. Mr. Zoran Gospić
24. Mr. Amer Halilović, Dr
25. Mr. Džavid Šabović
26. Mr. Radivoje – Lala Nikčević
27. Mr. Šefkija Murić
28. Mr. Dragan Kujović until 1 May, 2010 (resignation)
Ms. Maida Bešlić from 15 June, 2010
29. Mr. Zoran Bošnjak, professor PhD
30. Mr. Borislav Banović
31. Mr. Predrag Nenezić until 9 June, 2009 (resignation)
Mr. Zoran Jelić from 9 June, 2009
32. Ms. Nada Drobnjak
33. Mr. Suad Numanović, PhD until 9 June, 2009 (resignation)
Ms. Valentina Radulović – Šćepanović from 9 June, 2009
34. Mr. Aleksandar Bogdanović until 29 February, 2012 (resignation)
Mr. Refik Bojadžić from 13 March, 2012
35. Mr. Ervin Spahić
36. Mr. Kemal Purišić
37. Ms. Ljerka Dragičević
38. Mr. Luid Škrelja
39. Mr. Zoran Ćulafić, professor PhD
40. Mr. Fahrudin Hadrović, Dr
41. Mr. Željko Aprcović
42. Mr. Raško Konjević, MA
43. Mr. Obrad Mišo Stanišić
44. Mr. Zoran Srzentić, Dr until 22 December, 2011 (resignation)
Ms. Ljubica Aranitović from 22 December, 2011
45. Mr. Damir Šehović, MA
46. Mr. Suljo Mustafić
47. Mr. Veljko Zarubica
48. Mr. Halil Duković, Dr

*Structure of the Members of
Parliament on 1 November, 2012*

AGE	NUMBER
20 - 30	-
31 - 40	9
41 - 50	25
51 - 60	40
61 - 70	7
TOTAL	81
EDUCATION DEGREE	NUMBER
PhD Degree	7
Master's degree	7
Bachelor's degree	61
Associate degree	5
High School	1
TOTAL	81

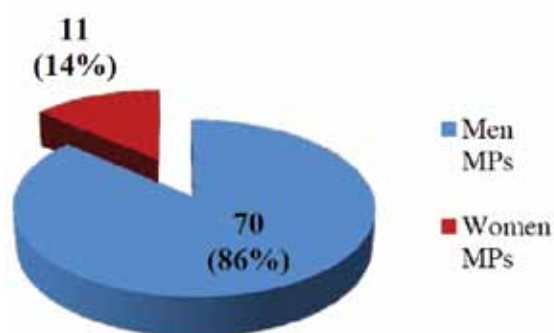
SNP – Socialist People's Party of Montenegro – Mr. Srđan Milić

49. Mr. Srđan Milić until 2 March, 2010 (resignation)
Mr. Dragoslav Šćekić from 2 March, 2010
50. Mr. Neven Gošović
51. Mr. Vasilije Lalošević
52. Mr. Milorad Bakić, PhD until 2 March, 2010 (resignation)
Mr. Velizar Kaluđerović from 2 March, 2010
53. Ms. Snežana Jonica
54. Mr. Aleksandar Damjanović, MA
55. Mr. Predrag Bulatović

- 56. Mr. Srđa Božović, PhD until 2 November 2010 (resignation)
Mr. Veselin Bakić from 8 March, 2011
- 57. Mr. Svetozar Golubović, PhD
- 58. Mr. Miloje Pupović, Dr until 29 February, 2012 (resignation)
Mr. Radoman Gogić from 17 May, 2012
- 59. Ms. Nataša Vuković
- 60. Ms. Veselinka Peković
- 61. Mr. Milisav Ćorić until 7 April, 2010 (resignation)
Mr. Radosav Nišavić, Dr from 7 April, 2010
- 62. Mr. Obrad Gojković
- 63. Mr. Milan Knežević
- 64. Mr. Dobrica Šljivančanin

New Serb Democracy – Mr. Andrija Mandić

- 65. Mr. Andrija Mandić
- 66. Mr. Goran Danilović
- 67. Mr. Slaven Radunović
- 68. Mr. Novica Stanić, Dr
- 69. Mr. Budimir Aleksić, PhD
- 70. Mr. Emilo Labudović
- 71. Mr. Strahinja Bulajić, PhD
- 72. Mr. Radojica Živković



Movement for Changes – “We Can” – Mr. Nebojša Medojević

- 73. Mr. Nebojša Medojević
- 74. Mr. Branko Radulović, Professor PhD
- 75. Ms. Dušanka Džakula Tušup, Dr until 10 May, 2011 (resignation)
Mr. Zarija Pejović, PhD from 11 May, 2011
- 76. Mr. Koča Pavlović
- 77. Mr. Srđan Brajović

UDSH – DUA, Mr. Ferhat Dinosha

- 78. Mr. Ferhat Dinosha until 9 June, 2009 (resignation)
Mr. Mehmet Zenka from 9 June, 2009

FORCA – Mr. Nazif Cungu

- 79. Mr. Genci Nimanbegu

Albanian list (Democratic Alliance in Montenegro – Mr. Mehmet Bardhi and Albanian Alternative – Mr. Gjergj Camaj)

- 80. Mr. Mehmet Bardhi

Albanian Coalition “Perspective“

- 81. Mr. Amir Hollaj until 24 May, 2011 (resignation)
Mr. Vasel Sinishtaj from 31 May, 2011

By adopting the Law on amendments to the Law on Election of Councillors and Members of Parliament, in September 2012, above all, the provision regulating filling of the vacant seats was amended. Namely, instead of the previous solution on the basis of which filling of the vacant seat was conducted in the manner where the submitter of the election list decides which MP gets the seat, decision was adopted which regulates that the filling of the MP seats is conducted according to the order on the election list.

Sitting arrangement in the Great Hall, on 1 November, 2012



2.3. MPS GROUPS

With the constitution of the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro, six MPs groups¹ were formed, while the seventh group, Albanian MPs Group was formed on 15th February, 2011:

◇ Democratic Party of Socialists MPs Group - DPS ²	36 members
◇ Socialist People's Party MPs Group- SNP	16 members
◇ Social- Democratic Party MPs Group - SDP	nine members
◇ New Serb Democracy MPs Group - NOVA	eight members
◇ Movement for Changes MPs Group - PZP	five members
◇ Bosniak Party MPs Group – BS	three members
◇ Albanian MPs Group - Klubi i Deputetëve Shqiptarë	three members

2.4. WORKING BODIES

The 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro consisted of 12 working bodies, namely 11 committees and one Commission.

Chair and members of the Administrative Committee were elected on 6 May, 2009, at the First Sitting of the First Ordinary Session in 2009 of the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro, while the chairs and members of 11 working bodies were elected on 29 July, 2009, at the Third Sitting of the First Ordinary Session.

Table 2 –Working Bodies of the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro

WORKING BODY	CHAIRS	NUMBER OF MEMBERS
Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee	Mr. Džavid Šabović	13
Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration	Mr. Ervin Spahić	13
Security and Defence Committee	Mr. Dragan Kujović (until 1 st May, 2010) Mr. Mevludin Meco Nuhodžić (from 15 th June, 2010)	13
Committee on International Relations and European Integration	Mr. Miodrag Vuković	15
Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	Mr. Aleksandar Damjanović	13
Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	Mr. Đorđije Pinjatić	13

¹ Until February, 2011, four MPs were not members of MPs groups. Those were MPs of Albanian coalition-Perspective, Democratic Alliance in Montenegro and Albanian Alternative, Democratic Union of Albanians and New Democratic Force-FORCA, while from February, 2011 MP of Democratic Union of Albanians was not a member of any group.

² Democratic Party of Socialists MPs Group (DPS) consists of 35 DPS MPs and one Croatian Civic Initiative (HGI) MP.

Gender Equality Committee	Ms. Nada Drobnjak	11
Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning	Mr. Božidar Vuksanović (until 30 th January, 2012) Mr. Branko Čavor (from 21 st March, 2012)	13
Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sport	Mr. Zoran Čulafić, professor PhD	11
Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare	Ms. Branka Tanasijević, MA	11
Administrative Committee	Mr. Radivoje Lala Nikčević	13
Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatization Process	Mr. Andrija Mandić	8

At the Fourth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session of the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro Decision on amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro ("Official Gazette of Montenegro" No. 25/12) was adopted, which should provide for the division of some of the committees, as well as forming of the new Anticorruption Committee. Instead of the previous Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee, Constitutional Committee and Legislative Committee were formed, while the Committee on International Relations and European Integration was divided into Committee on International Relations and Emigrants and European Integration Committee. In this manner, number of permanent committees grew from 11 to 14.

The Decision also expanded jurisdictions of all committees, and in that regard the committees will, within their scope of jurisdictions, monitor and assess harmonisation of laws with the EU Acquis and monitor implementation of adopted laws, especially those arising from the obligations in accordance with the legislation of the European Union.

Decision on amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro has been applied from 31 July, 2012.

2.5. PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENTS, SECRETARY GENERAL AND DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PARLIAMENT

At the First Sitting of the First Ordinary Session of the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro, on 6 May, 2009, Mr. Ranko Krivokapić was elected the President of the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro.

In the continuation of the Sitting, on 9 June, 2009, Mr. Rifat Rastoder and Mr. Željko Šturanović were elected Vice – Presidents of the Parliament. Opposition parties have not proposed a candidate for Vice-President.

The Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro, until June, 2009 was Mr. Milan Radović. At the Third Sitting of the First Ordinary Session on 29 July, 2009, Mr. Damir Davidović was appointed the Secretary General of the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro.



First Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session in 2012, held in Cetinje

MR. RANKO KRIVOKAPIĆ, THE PRESIDENT

Born on 17 August, 1961, in Kotor.

Graduated 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, 24th and 25th Convocation;
- ◇ After the referendum on the state legal status, in October 2006 he was elected the President of the Constitutional Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro and the Chairman of the Constitutional Committee of the Constitutional Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro, until the proclamation of the Constitution of Montenegro in 2007;
- ◇ Elected for an MP in nine convocations, primarily in 1989 in the Parliament of Montenegro, from 1993 to 1997 in the Parliament of the Federative Republic of Yugoslavia and from 2003 to 2006 in the Parliament of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro;
- ◇ Member of the OSCE and the Council of Europe parliamentary assemblies, as well as parliamentary delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly;
- ◇ Founder of the regional initiative “Cetinje Parliamentary Forum” in 2004.

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

- ◇ Political career started in the late 80s. He was a member of the Presidency of the Reform Forces for Montenegro 1990 and Democratic Forum;
- ◇ President of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) from 2001;
- ◇ Member of the Presidency of the Party of European Socialists - PES;
- ◇ One of the founders of the Social Democratic Party(1990), which has been a full-fledged member of Socialist International (SI) since 1996 and member of the Party of European Socialists since 2009.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES: Fluent in English.

MR. RIFAT RASTODER, VICE-PRESIDENT

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

The Vice-President of the Social-Democratic Party of Montenegro, journalist and publicist.



EMPLOYMENT

- ◇ Since 1998 he has performed the duty of the Vice-President of the Parliament of Montenegro;
- ◇ He was elected MP and the Vice-President of the Parliament of Montenegro in the previous six convocations. In several mandates he also performed the function of the president of the SDP MPs Group, as well as the function of the Chairman of the Committee on Human Rights;
- ◇ He has been professionally engaged in journalism since 1980. He has been one of the most commissioned journalists, commentators and editors of program blocks and features of RTV CG, and since 1986 he has been with the Pobjeda Daily;
- ◇ Since 1990 he has been one of the 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 “Usudimena” (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 (student’s experimental stage under AKUD “MirkoSržentić” and DODEST Theatre - Podgorica).

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

- ◇ One of the founders and Vice-President 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: Bosniak.

MARITAL STATUS: Married, father of two.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES: Fluent in Russian, communicates in English.

MR. ŽELJKO ŠTURANOVIĆ, VICE-PRESIDENT

Born in Nikšić on 31 January 1960.

He graduated from the Faculty of Law in Podgorica in 1983, as the top student of the class.

EMPLOYMENT

- ◇ The Vice-President of the Parliament of Montenegro during 24th and 25th Convocation;
- ◇ On 10th November 2006 he was elected the Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of Montenegro. He performed this duty until 29 February 2008;
- ◇ During the period from 2 July 2001 to 10 November 2006 he was the Minister of Justice in two terms of office;
- ◇ He worked in the Steel Factory Nikšić after the graduation.



POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

- ◇ From 1993 he was an MP in two terms of office in the Council of Citizens of the Parliament of SRY, and in the second term of office he was the president of the DPS MPs Group of Montenegro;
- ◇ Since 1993 he was a member of the highest bodies of the Democratic Party of Socialists;
- ◇ On 5th and 6th Congress of DPS of Montenegro on 19 May 2007, and 21 May, 2011 he was elected the Vice-President of the Democratic Party of Socialists of Montenegro.

MARITAL STATUS: Married, father of two.

MR. DAMIR DAVIDOVIĆ, SECRETARY GENERAL (SINCE 29 JULY 2009)

Born in Kotor on 17 November, 1978.

Acquired the diploma of International Business Manager in 2001 at the Faculty for International Management, of the European University for International Management and Business in Belgrade. He acquired the MA degree at the Centre for European Integration Studies of the University of Bonn, FR Germany.



EMPLOYMENT

- ◇ Secretary General of the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro from 29 July, 2009;
- ◇ June 2006 – July 2009 – Head of the Cabinet of the Mayor of Podgorica;
- ◇ October 2003 – June 2006 – Foreign policy adviser to the President of the Parliament of Montenegro;
- ◇ 2002 – 2003 – Senior Adviser for relations with the EU, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro;
- ◇ September 2001 – December 2002 – a trainee in the Department for EU Cooperation, Multilateral Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro.

SPECIALISATIONS AND COURSES

- ◇ November 2006 – “European Union Visitors Programme“, Brussels and Strasbourg;
- ◇ September 2003 – Internship in the Federal Parliament of the FR Germany;
- ◇ December 2002 – Study Visit to the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg;
- ◇ November 2002 – Study Visit to the European Commission in Brussels;
- ◇ October 2002 – Study Visit to the Federal Parliament of the FR Germany;
- ◇ 2001- June 2002 – participant of the “EU -Trainer Programme“ –Institute for European Policy from Berlin;
- ◇ July and August 2001 – “Summer School of Economic Policy G 17+“, Belgrade.

MARITAL STATUS: Married, father of two.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES: Fluent in English (writing, reading and speaking).

MR. MILAN RADOVIĆ, SECRETARY GENERAL (UNTIL 9 JUNE, 2009)

Born in Bijelo Polje on 6 October, 1951.

Graduated from the Faculty of Law in Belgrade, and passed the Bar Exam in Belgrade.



EMPLOYMENT

- ◇ Secretary General of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro from 18 December, 2003 to 18 December, 2007 and from 27 December, 2007, when he was reappointed, to 9 June, 2009;
- ◇ President of the Higher Court in Podgorica from July 1999 to July 2003;
- ◇ Member of the Judicial Council from July 2000 to December 2002;
- ◇ Senior Prosecutor in Bijelo Polje from November 1993 to 1999;
- ◇ Deputy District Prosecutor in Bijelo Polje from June 1983 to November 1993;
- ◇ Judge of the Basic Court in Bijelo Polje from June 1982 to June 1983;
- ◇ Finished the School for Reserve Officers in Zadar, Croatia, and was ranked as the 1st Rank Artillery Captain;
- ◇ The Chairman 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, 2005/2006;
- ◇ Member of the Managing Board of the Lawyers Association of Montenegro, 2000-2008.

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

- ◇ Former member of the Municipal Committee of the League of Communists in Bijelo Polje;
- ◇ At the Sitting of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro on 15 March, 2006 appointed as a member of the Republic Referendum Commission on state-legal status of the Republic of Montenegro. At the meeting of the Republic Referendum Commission he was elected as the coordinator of the Block for the independent and Sovereign Montenegro;
- ◇ Political Party: Democratic Party of Socialist.

NATIONALITY: Montenegrin.

MARITAL STATUS: Married, father of three.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES: Communicates in Russian.

MR. SLOBODAN DRAGOVIĆ, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL

Born in Bijelo Polje on 15 January, 1949.

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



EMPLOYMENT

- ◇ Deputy Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro from 1999;
- ◇ Worked in the Service of the Parliament of Montenegro since June, 1977, on the position of: Adviser and Senior Adviser for Political System, Adviser to the Secretary of the Parliament, Secretary of the Commission on Constitutional Issues;
- ◇ From 1991 to 1999 worked as an Assistant Secretary General of the Parliament;
- ◇ In addition to the professional function, since 2004 he has been a member of the Commission on Establishing Conflict of Interest and Deputy Chairman of the State Electoral Commission.

MARITAL STATUS: Married, father of three.

III LEGISLATIVE AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITY

The 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro was marked by the significant improvement of the legislative and oversight role of the Parliament, reflected by the number of sittings of the Parliament and meetings of its working bodies, number of adopted laws, and strengthening of the monitoring mechanisms of the Parliament. Total of 77 sittings of the Parliament were held, including 14 special sittings dedicated to the Prime Minister's Hour and parliamentary questions, 466 laws were adopted, and two interpellations, three motions of no-confidence vote to the Government and two proposal decisions on opening of parliamentary investigation were discussed.

Focus in the work of the Parliament was largely transferred from Plenum to the working bodies, so the intensity of their work increased markedly. Significantly larger number of control and consultative hearings, comparing to 23rd Convocation were organized, as well as a number of thematic sittings, sittings outside the Parliament building, visits to various institutions, conferences, public debates, round tables and other similar events.

Detailed information on legislative and oversight activities of the 24th Convocation of the Parliament is presented in what follows.

3.1. SITTINGS OF THE PARLIAMENT

During the 24th Convocation, namely from 23 April, 2009 to 6 November, 2012, 63 sittings of the ordinary sessions and 14 sittings of extraordinary sessions of the Parliament of Montenegro were held, on which 305 laws, 156 amendments to laws, 5 constitutional laws and 235 other acts (decisions, decisions on election and appointment, decisions and conclusions adopted on the occasion of reviewing of reports of certain bodies and declarations) were adopted.

Table 3 – Total number of adopted acts

Number of adopted acts³	466
Other acts	235
Total number of adopted acts	701

Table 4 – Statistical data on the sittings of the Parliament for the period of 24th Convocation

	ORDINARY SESSIONS	EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS
Number of sittings held	63	14
Duration in days	259 ⁴	24
Duration in hours	933 hours and 10 minutes	60 hours and 45 minutes
Number of discussed items of the agenda	603	28

³ Comprises total number of laws, amendments to laws and constitutional laws

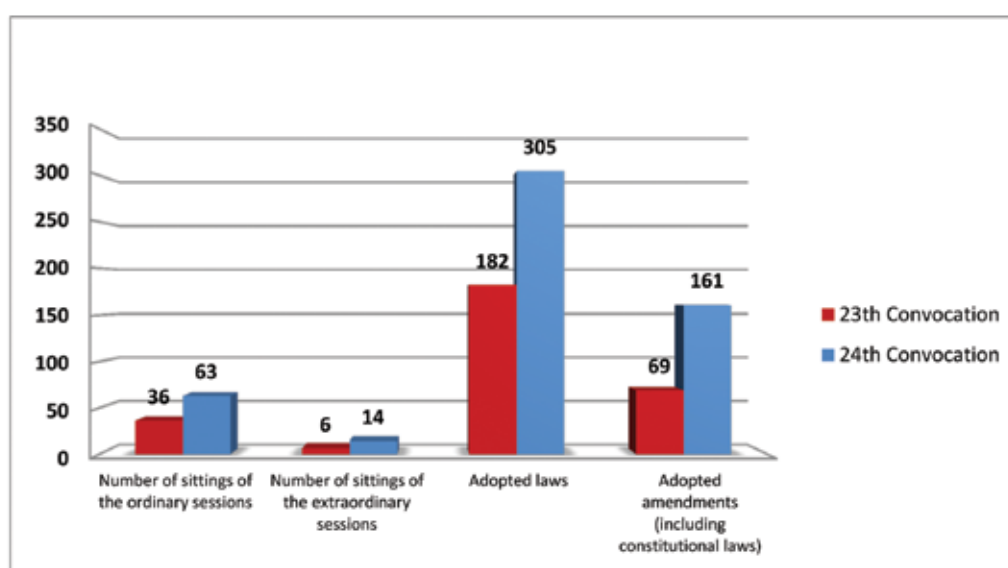
⁴ During one day, there were more continuations of sittings of the Parliament.



Number of adopted laws	300 laws, 144 laws on amendments to laws and 5 constitutional laws	5 laws and 12 laws on amendments and to laws ⁵
Number of other acts adopted	227	8
Number of proposals of the laws not adopted	12	3
Number of interpellations	2	-
Number of motions of no-confidence vote to the Government	2	1

At the sitting, as a guest of the Parliament, high official may address MPs. Accordingly, in 2010, three formal sittings were held on which MPs were addressed by Mr. Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (17 May, 2010), the Baroness Helen Valerie Hayman, the Speaker of the House of Lords of the Parliament of the United Kingdom (22 September, 2010) and Mr. Štefan Füle, EU Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood (11 November, 2010)

Statistical data on the work of the 23rd and 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro



3.1.1 PROPOSED ACTS

During the 24th Convocation, MPs proposed five proposals of the constitutional law on amendments to the Constitutional Law on Implementation of the Constitution of Montenegro, 17 proposals for laws, 69 proposals for laws on amendments to laws, 25 proposal decisions⁶, 10 proposals for declarations, three proposals for resolutions, two interpellations, three motions of no confidence vote to the Government and one initiative for dismissal of the President of the Parliament.

In the same period the Government proposed 304 proposals for laws, 123 proposals for laws on amendments to laws, eight proposals for decisions⁷.

Citizens, via authorized representative, did not submit proposal for laws during the 24th Convocation.

3.1.2 ADOPTED ACTS

In this period, on the proposal of MPs five Constitutional laws on amendments to the Law on Implementation of the Constitution of Montenegro, four laws, 18 laws on amendments, 16 decisions and one declaration were adopted.

At the same period, on the Government's Proposal 301 laws, 138 laws on amendments, seven decisions⁸ were adopted.

Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee on 28th May, 2012, decided on the Proposal for the Amendment on the Constitution of Montenegro and Proposal of the Constitutional Law for Implementation of amendments to the Constitution of Montenegro and referred them to the further parliamentary proceedings.

⁵ At the sitting of the Second Extraordinary Session in 2011 the Parliament adopted Proposal of the Law on Amendments to the Law on election of Concillors and Members of the Parliament

⁶ Decisions do not relate to election and appointment

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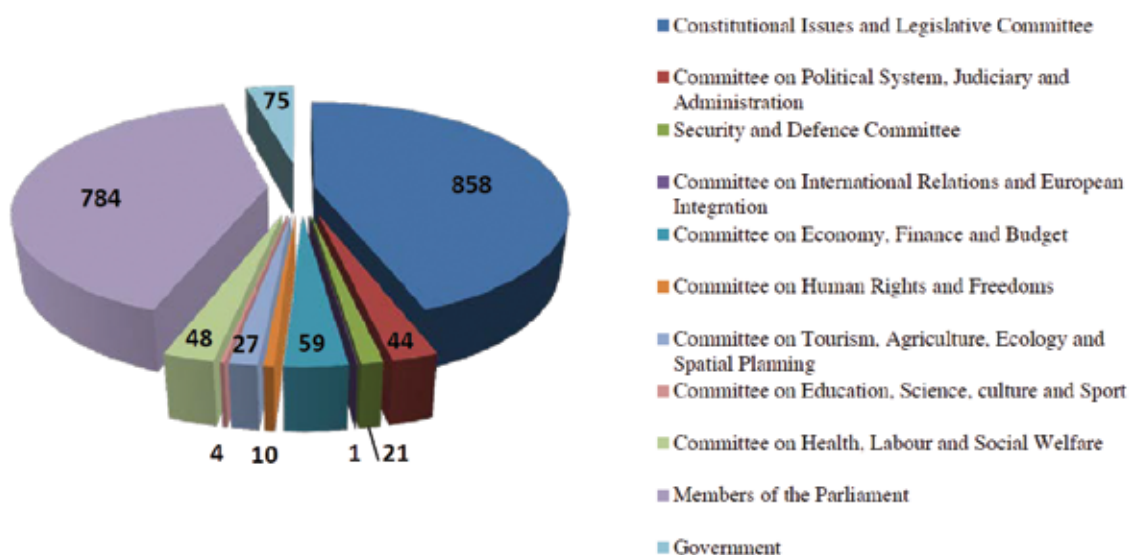
⁸ Difference between the number of proposed and adopted acts relates to the acts submitted during the 23rd Convocation, and adopted in 24th Convocation.

3.1.3 NUMBER OF CONSIDERED AND ACCEPTED AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSALS FOR LAWS

During the 24th Convocation 1.924 amendments were accepted out of total number of 3.162 amendments considered.

Working Bodies submitted 1.072 amendments, out of which 1.066 were accepted (Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee 858 amendments, Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration 44 amendments, Security and Defence Committee 21 amendments, Committee on International Relations and European Integration one amendment, Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget 59 amendments, Human Rights and Freedoms Committee 10 amendments, Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning 27 amendments, Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sport four amendments and Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare 48 amendments). MPs submitted 2.015 amendments to proposals for laws, 784 of which were accepted, 872 rejected, and 359 withdrawn. The Government submitted 75 amendments, which made integral parts of proposals for laws, and one was withdrawn.

Graphical display of accepted amendments



3.1.4 NO CONFIDENCE OR CONFIDENCE VOTES TO THE GOVERNMENT

During the 24th Convocation three motions of no-confidence to the Government of Montenegro were discussed.

At the Fifth Sitting of the First Ordinary Session in 2010 and at the Sitting of the Sixth Extraordinary Session in 2012 proposals to vote on no confidence to the Government of Montenegro was submitted by the group of 29 MPs of opposition. The Parliament voted against no-confidence to the Government of Montenegro.

At the Seventh Sitting of the First Ordinary Session in 2012, Members of the Parliament that submitted the Interpellation⁹, after finishing the discussion on Interpellation, submitted the Proposal to vote for no confidence to the Government of Montenegro. The Parliament voted against no confidence to the Government of Montenegro.

3.1.5 INTERPELLATION

In the same period, two interpellations for hearing motions on certain issues of the work of the Government of Montenegro were discussed. At the Eight Sitting of the First Ordinary Session in 2010 Interpellation for hearing motion on issues in conducting internal policy of the Government of Montenegro in the field of Local self-government, submitted by 28 MPs of the opposition was discussed. The Parliament did not adopt the Proposal of the Conclusion MPs submitted on the occasion of Interpellation.

⁹ Interpellation for hearing motion on work of the Government in the field of economy, and in relation to the Decision on new crediting in the amount of 150 million euros with the "Credit Swiss Bank".

At the Seventh Sitting of the First Ordinary Session in 2012, Interpellation for hearing motion on work of the Government in the field of economy, and in relation to the Decision on new crediting in the amount of 150 million euros with the “Credit Swiss Bank” was discussed, submitted by 27 MPs of the Opposition. Upon completion of the hearing motion, MPs that submitted Interpellation, submitted the Proposal to vote for no confidence to the Government of Montenegro.

3.1.6 PARLIAMENTARY INVESTIGATION

During the reporting period two Proposals for Decisions on opening of parliamentary investigation were discussed.

At the Fifth Sitting of the First Ordinary Session in 2010 the Proposal Decision on opening of the Parliamentary Investigation was discussed, with the aim of reviewing the situation in the electro-energetic industry in Montenegro, submitted by the group of 28 MPs of the opposition. The Proposal was not adopted.

At the Sitting of the Third Extraordinary Session in 2012 following proposals were discussed and adopted: the Proposal decision on opening of parliamentary investigation and establishment of Surway Committee for gathering information and facts on corruption in the privatization of Telecom Montenegro and Proposal Decision of establishment of Surway Committee for gathering information and facts on corruption in the privatization of Telecom Montenegro. Proposal Decisions were submitted by the group of 29 MPs of the opposition.

The Inquiry Committee for gathering information and facts on corruption in the privatization of Telecom Montenegro held 13 meetings and on 1 October, 2012 submitted to the Parliament the Technical Report that contained data on the number of held meetings, agenda of the meetings, information on the entities that avestatements and subjects that submitted documentation, as well as the list of documents reviewed.

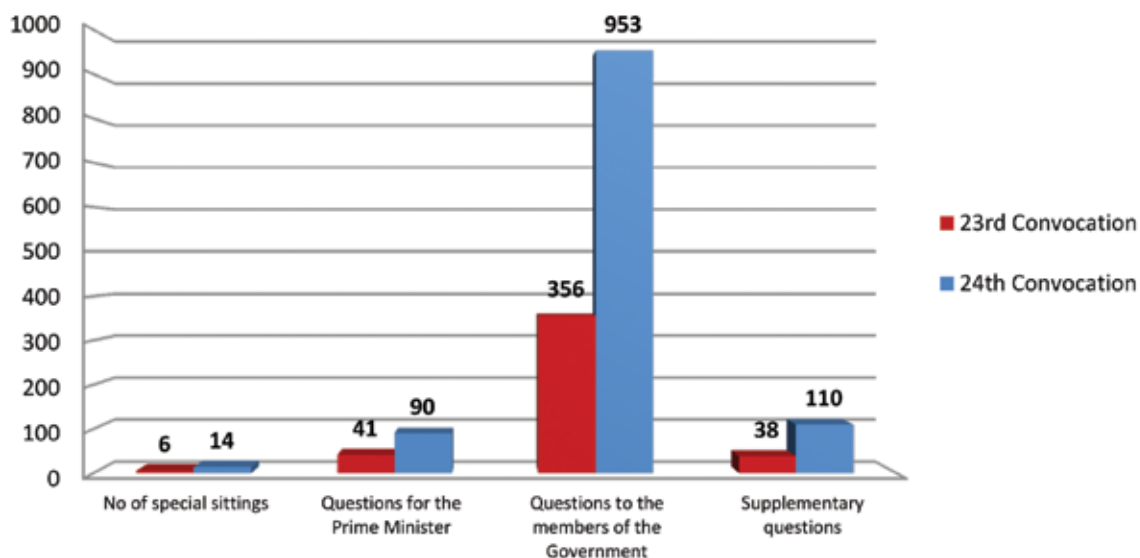
3.1.7 PRIME MINISTER'S HOUR AND PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

During 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro 14 special sittings were held, dedicated to the Prime Minister's Hour and parliamentary questions. The Prime Minister had been posed 90 questions, members of the Government 953, as well as 110 supplementary questions. For comparison purposes, during 23rd Convocation of the Parliament (October, 2006 - April, 2009) the Prime Minister had been posed 41 questions, while 356 questions and 38 supplementary questions were referred to the members of the Government.

Table5 –Number of questions to the Prime Minister and members of the Government duringthe 24th Convocation of the parliament of Montenegro (Annual Review)

	No of sittings dedicated to the Prime Minister's Hour and parliamentary questions	No of questions posed to the Prime Minister	No of parliamentary questions
2009	3	16	197 and 17 supplementary
2010	3	18	190 and 38 supplementary
2011	5	35	358 and 35 supplementary
2012	3	21	208 and 20 supplementary
TOTAL 24th Convocation	14	90	953 and 110 supplementary

Number of questions in 23rd and 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro

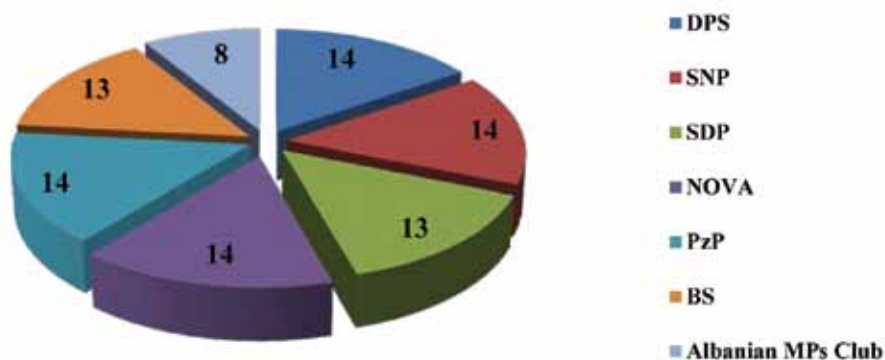


PREME MINISTER'S HOUR

During the Prime Minister Hour of the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro, the Prime Minister of Montenegro had been posed 90 questions, namely:

- ◇ Democratic Party of Socialists MPs Group - 14 questions;
- ◇ Socialist People's Party MPs Group - 14 questions;
- ◇ Social - Democratic Party MPs Group - 13 questions;
- ◇ New Serb Democracy MPs Group - 14 questions;
- ◇ Movement for Changes MPs Group - 14 questions;
- ◇ Bosniak Party MPs Group - 13 questions;
- ◇ Albanian MPs Group - eight questions¹⁰

Questions posed to the Prime Minister



¹⁰ Albanian MPs Group was formed on 15th February, 2011.



Fifth Special Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session in 2012 dedicated to the Prime Minister's Hour and parliamentary questions

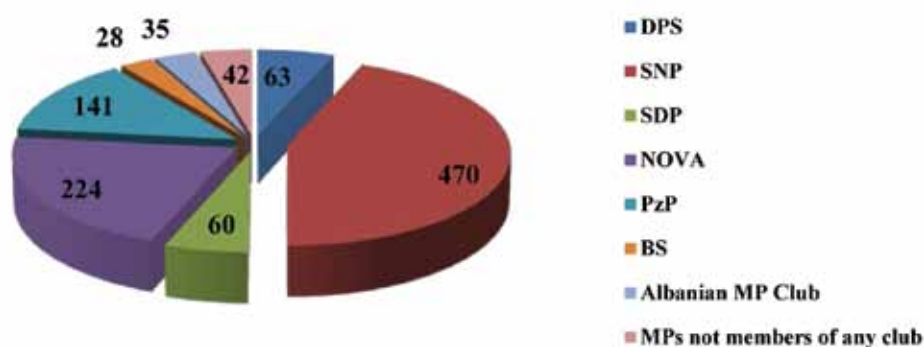
PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

Total number of Parliamentary Questions was 953 and 110 supplementary questions:

- ◇ Democratic Party of Socialists MPs Group - 62 questions and one supplementary question;
- ◇ Socialist People's Party MPs Group - 431 questions and 39 supplementary questions;
- ◇ Social - Democratic Party MPs Group - 57 questions and three supplementary questions;
- ◇ New Serb Democracy MPs Group - 189 questions and 35 supplementary questions;
- ◇ Movement for Changes - 115 questions and 26 supplementary questions;
- ◇ Bosniak Party MPs Group - 28 questions;
- ◇ Albanian MPs Group - 33 questions and two supplementary questions.

In the reporting period MPs not belonging to any MPs Group posed 38 parliamentary questions and four supplementary questions¹¹.

Questions to the members of the Government



¹¹ Until February, 2011, four MPs were not members of any group. Those were MPs of Albanian coalition-Perspective, Democratic Alliance in Montenegro and Albanian Alternative, Democratic Union of Albanians and New Democratic Force-FORCA, while from February, 2011 an MP of Democratic Union of Albanians was not an MP Group member.

3.1.8 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES OF THE PARLIAMENT

The Calendar of activities of the Parliament of Montenegro for the period until the end of Spring Session, i.e. the end of July, was adopted in February 2011 for the first time. In addition, the Collegium of the President of the Parliament of Montenegro adopted the Calendar of activities for the period 1 September – 31 December 2011, and 1 January - 31 July 2012.

The parliamentary calendar determines days in a month intended for the sittings of the Parliament, meetings of working bodies, and MP days intended for the work of MPs in their Groups and with the citizens. The Calendar is available at the web page of the Parliament.



3.1.9 PARLIAMENTARISM DAY

At the Fourth Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session of the the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro in 2011, adopted the Decision on Establishing the Parliamentarism Day in Montenegro. The Parliamentarism Day in Montenegro shall be celebrated on 31 October, in memory of 31 October, 1906 when the First Montenegrin People's Parliament was constituted in Zetski Dom in Cetinje. Program for celebrating the Parliamentarism Day in Montenegro shall be decided by the Collegium of the President of the Parliament of Montenegro for each year, not later than the end of September of the current year.



Fourth Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session in 2011

3.2. WORK OF THE WORKING BODIES

The 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro is characterised by significant increase of the work of working bodies of the Parliament. In this period, 827 meetings of the working bodies were held and 3.040 items of the agenda were discussed, out of which 1.446 proposals for laws. For comparison purposes, working bodies of the 23rd Convocation of the Parliament held 303 meetings lasting 477 days, during which 1.155 items of the agenda were discussed.

Apart from intensive legislative activity of the working bodies, great attention was dedicated to intensifying oversight activities, and in the reporting period, numerous control and consultative hearings on different topics of interest were held. In addition, theme meetings, meetings outside the Parliament of Montenegro were held, as well as visit to various institutions, round tables, public discussions and other similar activities.

A review of data on the total number of meetings of the working bodies for the period April 2009 - November 2012 is stated in the following segment.

Table 6 – Work of the Working Bodies of the Parliament

Working Body of the Parliament	No of meetings	Duration of the meetings (in days)	No of items of the agenda discussed	No of proposals of the laws discussed	No of considered amendments ¹²
Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee	144	144	968	646	3101
Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration	98 ¹²	102	222	86	602
Security and Defence Committee	52	59	121	21	77
Committee on International Relations and European Integration	98	94	466	384	1
Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	102	160	374	135	766
Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	78 ¹⁴	81	215	35	217
Gender Equality Committee	38 ¹⁵	38	64	12	14
Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning	38	47	94	39	250
Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sport	32	30	56	29	166
Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare	72 ¹⁵	77	202	57	285
Administrative Committee	56	57	225	2	/
Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatization Process	19	23	33	/	/
Total	827	912	3040	1446	5479

¹² The same amendment can be considered by more than one working body. An amendment submitted by the proposer of a law, and the amendment accepted by the proposer of a law shall become an integral part of the proposal for a law and the Parliament shall not vote on it

¹³ Out of which one joint meeting with the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms.

¹⁴ Out of which one joint meeting with the Gender Equality Committee, two items joint with the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare, one with the Gender Equality Committee and the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare and one with the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration.

¹⁵ Out of which one joint meeting with the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, one with the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms and Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare and two joint with the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare.

¹⁶ Out of which two joint meetings with the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, one meeting with the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms and the Gender Equality Committee and two meetings with the Gender Equality Committee.

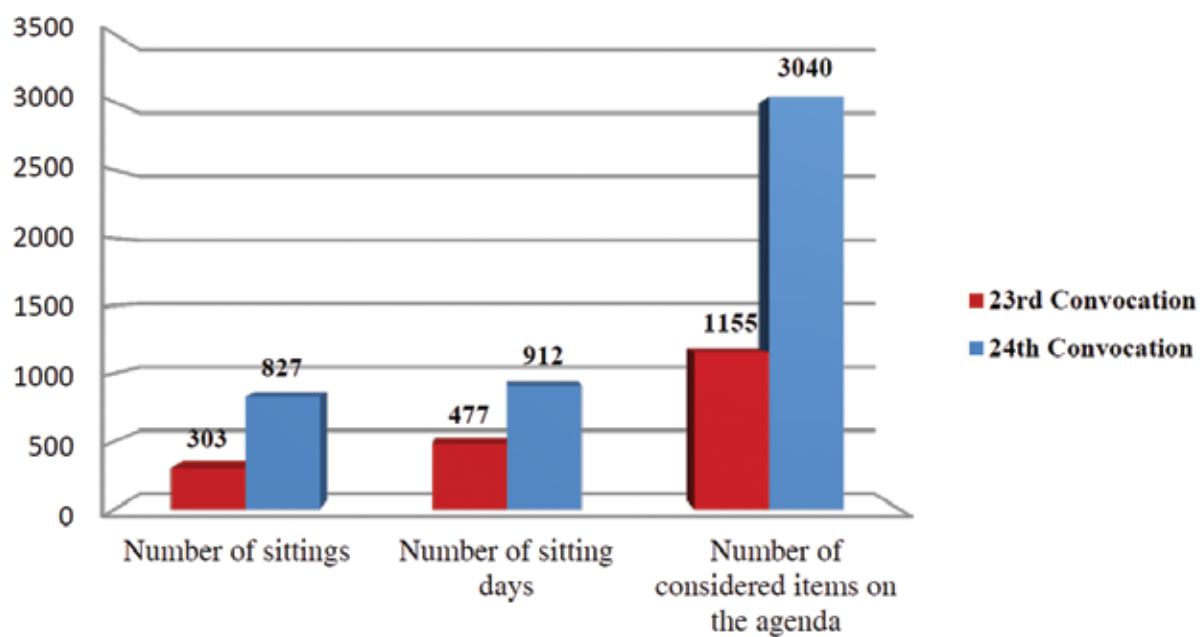
Work of the working bodies of the 23rd and 24th Convocation of the Parliament*Meeting of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration*

Table 7 – Work of the working bodies of the Parliament (annual review)

	Number of sittings	Duration of sittings (in days)	Number of considered items on the agenda	Number of considered proposals for laws	Number of considered amendments ¹⁷
2009.	139	179	622	276	1165
2010.	221	262	848	420	1562
2011.	313	310	1020	525	1940
2012.	154	161	550	225	812

CONTROL AND CONSULTATIVE HEARINGS

During the 24th Convocation the oversight role of the working bodies was strengthened through various mechanisms, including control and consultative hearings. Thus, 71 consultative and 15 control hearings were held in comparison to four consultative and two control hearings held in 23rd Convocation.

*Meeting of the Security and Defence Committee**Table 8 – Total number of control and consultative hearings held in the 23rd and 24th Convocation*

	Control hearings	Consultative hearings
23rd Convocation	2	4
24th Convocation	15	71

Parliamentary hearings in competent (line) committees of the Parliament may be organized for the purpose of obtaining information, i.e. professional opinions on proposal of act under parliamentary procedure in the Parliament, explanation of specific solutions from proposed or current act, clarification of issues significant for preparing of proposed act, as well as for more successful exercise of Parliament's oversight function.

¹⁷ Same amendment can be considered by different working bodies. An amendment submitted by the law proposer and amendment accepted by the proposer shall become an integral part of the proposal for a law and the Parliament shall not vote on it separately.

Some of the topics of the control hearings in the reporting period were implemented and planned activities within international legal cooperation in criminal matters between judiciary of Montenegro and judiciary of the countries in the region, conducting the state aid policy, listings in “Keljmendi” and “Šarić” cases, realization of Strategy for Resolving the Issues of Displaced and Internally Displaced Persons, with special regard to Camp Konik I and II, privatization procedure of Aluminum Plant Podgorica and other.

Table 9 – Consultative and control hearings held in 24th Convocation (working bodies-review)

	CONSULTATIVE HEARINGS	CONTROL HEARINGS
Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee	-	-
Committee on Political System, Justice and Administration	1	1
Security and Defense Committee	3	6
Committee on International Relations and European Integration	50	-
Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget	7	1
Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms	2	4
Gender Equality Committee	-	-
Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning	-	-
Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports	-	1
Committee on Health, Labor and Social Welfare	5	-
Administrative Committee	3	-
Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatization Procedure	-	2
TOTAL	71	15

Consultative hearings were held, inter alia, on the following occasions: considering implementation of the adopted laws (Law on banks in the part relating to the Banking Ombudsman, Law on National and other Holidays, Law on Energy Efficiency, Law on Electronic Communications, Law on Energy with respect to the position and authorization of the Energy Regulatory Agency, etc.) considering current questions (reform of the judiciary system, tariffs and prices of electric energy, situation in the area of telecommunications, situation in the Aluminum Plant Podgorica, pandemic of the virus A (H1N1), epidemiological situation in the Public Institution “Komanski most”, Maritime Safety and Security in Montenegro, flood prevention, implementation of the foreign policy priorities of Montenegro and other), considering reports (reports on the fulfilment of obligations under the Stabilization and Association Agreement, fulfilment of obligations from the Action Plan for Monitoring Implementation of Recommendations given in the European Commission’s Opinion, work of Ministry of Foreign Affairs) as well as on occasion of providing opinions on candidates for Ambassadors of Montenegro, candidate for military attaché, etc.

List of all control and consultative hearings held in the period from April 2009 to November 2011 is provided in Appendix II.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE WORKING BODIES

Numerous thematic meetings were organized by the working bodies of the Parliament, as well as meetings outside the Parliament of Montenegro, visits to various institutions, public debates, roundtables, meetings, conferences and other similar activities.

Meetings were held on the current topics: on the occasion of the Month of Fight against Breast Cancer, celebrated in the world; consideration of the current situation regarding strike of miners of Bauxite Mines Nikšić, in Biočki stan MANS's petition related to Information on destruction of surplus military ammunition on temporary site "Prage" in the vicinity of Nikšić; celebration of World Tuberculosis Day; meeting at which the member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and Vice-Chair of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men presented the experience of member states of the Council of Europe and OSCE in prevention of gender-based violence; meeting at which the Gender Practice Leader in UNDP BRC presented the best practices of the United Nations in fight against domestic violence; meeting where Draft on communal activities was presented, International Day of Tobacco Control, International Day against Drug Abuse; meeting dedicated to Council of Europe's Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings and 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence, celebration of the Red Cross Day; session named Women's Parliament aimed at promoting women's rights in Montenegro; meeting aimed at promoting activities for improvement of the status of Roma women in Montenegro; as well as the meeting on the occasion of visiting Catholic Spiritual Centre «Sanctae Crucis» in Sukuruć.



Session of Women's Parliament

The following information were also considered at the meetings: export of 20 tons of contaminated potato in Republic of Serbia; information provided by the Director of Police Administration on acting of police in the incident between the Mayor of Podgorica and reporters of the independent newspapers "Vijesti"; implementation obligations from the Government's Decree (Official Gazette of Montenegro, No 22/9) relating to financing of United Nations' peacekeeping mission "International Security Assistance Force (ISAF)" in Afghanistan, as well as to overall plan regarding preparation, equipping, and training program of soldiers; floods in basin of Lake Skadar and river Bojana and measures taken for eliminating the consequences; Initial Report on implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW); current situation in Public institution "Komanski most" - information provided by Ministry of Work and Social Welfare; information provided by the Ministry of Human and Minority Rights on the Position of LGBT population in

Montenegro; acting of the Supreme State Prosecutor in “Balkanski ratnik” case, natural disaster that hit townships Golubovci and Tuzi, on 9 July 2012; activities of the Ministry of Work and Social Welfare regarding findings from the Analytical Report of the European Commission regarding the situation in Public institution “Komanski most” and the recommendations of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro, number: 01-148/p, April 2010, relating to Public institution “Komanski most”; Government’s activities regarding permanently resolving the issues of displaced and internally displaced persons, with particular reference to the Camp Konik I and II; representation of minorities and other minority peoples in public services, state authorities and local self-government; situation in the Institution for Execution of Criminal Sanctions regarding prisoners’ strike; the implementation of conclusions of the Parliament of Montenegro from 29 February 2012, adopted on the occasion of the Decision on confirming the Decision on overtaking debt of Aluminum Plant AD Podgorica; information provided by the Supreme State Prosecutor’s Office and the Administration for the Prevention of Money Laundering and Financing Terrorism on the occasion of the control hearing regarding the activities of competent state bodies conducted in connection with the examination of the allegations of possible corrupt activities during and after the privatization of Telekom, held on 14 February 2012; information of the Ministry of Economy on the implementation of Conclusions of the Parliament of Montenegro regarding the Aluminum Plant AD Podgorica, and implementation of Conclusions of the Parliament of Montenegro adopted on the occasion of the Decision on confirming the Decision on overtaking debt of Aluminum Plant AD Podgorica.



Meeting of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms

In the reporting period members of the working bodies visited: miners in Biočki stan pit, the Energy Regulatory Agency, the Union of Association of Parents of Children with Developmental Disabilities, the Prva bank, barracks in Golubovci, the Institution for Execution of Criminal Sanctions, detention facilities of regional police unit Podgorica, public institution “Komanski most”, the Institute for Education and Vocational Rehabilitation of Children and Youth with disabilities in Podgorica, the Border police department, the Maritime Safety Department – Bar, the National Security Agency, the Ministry of Defense, the Directorate for Secret Data Protection, locations where surplus of ammunition is stored, the Protector of Human Rights of Montenegro, Public institution Children’s Home “Mladost”, Public institution Center for Children and Youth “Ljubović”, the Nursing home “Grabovac” as well as the processing workers of KAP.

Public discussions were held in several Montenegrin towns, with the following topics: “Role and competences of the Committee on International Relation and European Integration in the European Union integration process”, “Work of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, with an emphasize on the current adopting of the law on prohibition of discrimination and law on protection against domestic violence”, “Competences and

activities of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget”, “Development perspectives of Plav’s region”, “Citizens ask – MPs answer”, “Draft law on prohibition of discrimination and law against domestic violence”, “Proposal for the Law on the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms and implementation of the Law on prohibition of discrimination”, “Rights of a child – implementation of the Law on Preschool Education and the Law on Protection against Domestic Violence”, “Implementation of the Law on Prohibition of Discrimination”, “Role of the Parliament of Montenegro in the process of European Integration”, “Montenegro and the EU - Parliament’s role and tasks in the process of European integration”, “Implementation of Law on Prohibition of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities. Also, the public discussion with the topic “How to determine the representatives from NGO sector in the procedure of election and appointment” was held, as well as regional the inter-parliamentary workshop “The Role of Parliaments in the EU accession process”.

Roundtables were organized, with the aim of exchanging information on significant issues, such as: “Effective Committees as Presumption of Effective Parliament”, “Valorization of resources of Prokletije and Plav’s lake, and the role of the Government and the Parliament of Montenegro“, “Parliament and social policy - current challenges of social policy in Montenegro and Germany“, “Agriculture situation, production activities, and purchase of agricultural products“, “Participation of Women in Political and Public Life-Challenges and Possibilities“, “Montenegro in the European Union Integration Process – an Observer or an Active Participant“. Also, MPs participated in a number of other roundtables.

In addition, the presentation of the publication “Survey on Knowledge and Application of the Law on Gender Equality in Montenegro institutions”, conducted in the second half of 2010, at the 61 institution of Montenegro that had certain obligation prescribed by law in the area of gender equality, was held, as well as publication “Women’s side of the Parliament”, resulted from the research work on participation of women in MPs (delegate) composition of 19 Parliamentary convocations, in the period from 1946 to 2009.

Also, international conferences were organized, with the following topics: “Cetinje Parliamentary Forum: Women, Peace, Security – 10th Anniversary of R1325 CSUN“ and “Cetinje Parliamentary Forum: Women, Peace, Security-two years later” aimed at implementation and understanding of Resolution 1325 and its following resolutions, exchange of regional and international experiences relating participation of women in the security system and defining of future activities in this field, as well as the Exhibition of children’s paintings titled “Stop Violence against Women”.



Roundtable of the Committee on Health, Labor and Social Welfare in cooperation with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation “Parliament and social policy - current challenges of social policy in Montenegro and Germany“

IV PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

The Parliament of Montenegro is a member of the most significant regional and international parliamentary associations – Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE PA), Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP), Parliamentary Assembly of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO PA), Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) and Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (EMPA). The Parliament of Montenegro also has good cooperation with parliaments of the EU Member States, parliaments of the region and with parliaments of other countries, through permanent parliamentary friendship groups, as well as other forms of bilateral cooperation.

A very intensive cooperation with other parliaments is maintained through regional initiatives – the Central European Initiative, the South-East European Cooperation Process and the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative. The Parliament of Montenegro is a member of these initiatives, and has presided over their parliamentary dimensions in the period of 2010-2011. Also, the Parliament of Montenegro hosted the VII Conference of Presidents of Parliaments of Small European States, which was held in Kotor from 9 to 11 September 2012, and brought together presidents of parliaments of seven small states of Europe: Montenegro, Andorra, Malta, Iceland, Cyprus, Luxembourg and San Marino.

This chapter contains information on activities of the Parliament of Montenegro in the field of European integration, outgoing and incoming visits, events organised by international parliamentary organisations and within regional initiatives, as well as information on cooperation of the Parliament with foreign and international organisations.

4.1. EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

Full integration of Montenegro to the European Union is the strategic goal of Montenegro supported by full consensus in the Parliament of Montenegro, for many years. After submitting Application for membership of the European Union, on 15 December 2008, the European Commission published the Opinion on Montenegro's Application for membership of the European Union (9 November 2010), which positively assessed the ability of Montenegro to become member of the European Union and recommended to the European Council to grant Montenegro a candidate status. In its Opinion, the Commission stated that accession negotiations should be opened with Montenegro once the country had achieved the necessary degree of compliance with the membership criteria and in particular the Copenhagen political criteria, requiring the stability of institutions guaranteeing notably the rule of law.

Stabilization and Association Agreement between the European Communities and Montenegro, representing the first contractual relationship with European Union, came into force on 1 May 2010. In accordance with the Article 125 of the Agreement, the Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee was established in June 2010, and it represents the first joint body of the Parliament of Montenegro and the European Parliament. Four meetings have been held so far, where declarations and recommendations confirming achieved progress in various fields in the EU accession process of Montenegro were adopted, and in the same time they identified the fields where additional efforts should be made, in order to fulfil European standards, necessary for full-fledged membership in the European Union.

Following the positive opinion of the European Commission, the European Council brought a decision on granting the status of candidate country to Montenegro, on 17 December 2010, which essentially opened a new phase in the process of Montenegro's integration into the EU, which posed more serious demands before all

state institutions, including the Parliament of Montenegro.

In its Opinion on Montenegro's Application for membership of the EU, the European Commission identified seven key priorities, which need to be fulfilled before a decision is reached on opening negotiations with Montenegro, among which the first priority was related to the Parliament of Montenegro, i.e. bringing electoral legislation in line with the recommendations of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and the Venice Commission, as well as strengthening Parliament's legislative and oversight role.

In December 2011, the European Council welcomed the Commission's assessment on good progress made by Montenegro, and in June 2012, tasked the Council with examining Montenegro's progress in the implementation of reforms, with a particular focus on the area of the rule of law and fundamental rights, as well as fight against corruption and organised crime. Taking into consideration the further progress achieved, the European Commission, in its Report on Montenegro's progress in implementation of reforms, published at the end of May 2012, again recommended opening accession negotiations with Montenegro.

Following the European Council Meeting, held on 29 June 2012, when the Decision of General Affairs Council of 26 May 2012 on opening accession negotiations with Montenegro was endorsed, the first Intergovernmental Conference was held between Montenegro and the EU, which officially opened accession negotiations of Montenegro to the EU.



46th plenary session of the COSAC

In accordance with new approach of the European Commission, Montenegro started accession negotiations with chapters 23 (Judiciary and fundamental rights) and 24 (Justice, freedom and security). Analytical examination (screening) for mentioned chapters has started in March 2012. By November 2012, 14 working groups for preparation of negotiations on accession of Montenegro to the European Union have been established, where representatives of the Service of the Parliament of Montenegro participate as well. This is, at the same time, the first example that the parliament of a candidate country participates in the screening phase, i.e. in the phase of the analytical examination and assessment of compliance of the national legislation with the EU acquis.

By gaining candidate status for the European Union membership, representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro gained the right to participate, as observers, at meetings that bring together representatives of national parliaments of the EU member states, organized during semi-annual, rotating EU presidency. The importance of active participation of representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro in the mentioned meetings reflects in that Montenegrin MPs are achieving regular political dialogue with their colleagues from national parliaments of the EU member states, but also that they participate in discussions regarding key economic, social, foreign-political and other issues. Representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro also participated at Conference of the European Integration Parliamentary Committees of States participating in the Stabilisation and Association Process (COSAP).



Conference of the Speakers of the Parliaments of the European Union

Also, since 2011, President of the Parliament of Montenegro has been participating at the Conference of Speakers of the Parliaments of the EU, which is composed of Speakers/Presidents of the National Parliaments of Member States of the Union and of the European Parliament. The Conference presents a forum for the exchange of opinions, information and experiences regarding the role and organisation of the parliament, promotion of research activities and common actions. Its goal is promotion of the parliament's role and overseeing the coordination of inter-parliamentary activities. Meetings of Secretaries General of Parliaments of the EU

Member States, where Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro has been participating since 2011, are held at the same time as the Conferences of Speakers of the Parliaments of the EU.

Parliamentary delegations have participated actively in gatherings of the European Parliament intended for national parliaments of the Western Balkans countries. Thus, in June 2012, the Parliament of Montenegro in cooperation with the European Parliament hosted a regional workshop, where parliament's role in the negotiations process was discussed. The year before a high-level meeting was held, organised in cooperation with the National Council for European Integration and the European Commission, and it was attended by MPs of the Parliament of Montenegro, high officials of Directorate-General for Enlargement (European Commission) and ministers in charge of seven priority areas, previously assessed as key ones for opening negotiations.

Montenegro used the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) intended to candidate countries and potential candidate countries for the EU membership. During 2009, the realisation of the Twinning project "Legal Harmonization" has commenced with the IPA funds from 2007, and its beneficiary within the Fourth Component was the Parliament of Montenegro. Support to the Parliament included strengthening of the relevant working bodies and their role in the process of legal harmonisation, improvement of organisational and administrative structure and the IT support to the legislative procedure. The project lasted for 21 months, until November 2010.

In the period from September 2011 to June 2012, the project of professional assistance to the Service of the Parliament of Montenegro was implemented in coordination with the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro. As a part of this project, the Parliament got expert support, divided into several missions, in the field of harmonising legislation, strengthening the Parliament's oversight role and regulatory impact assessment. The goal of the support was to strengthen the capabilities of the Parliament to oversee the compliance of proposed laws with the EU law, as well as to gain capacities, through overseeing the regulatory impact of legal acts prepared by the Government, for assuming the role defined by the Inter-Institutional Common Approach to Impact Assessment of the European Commission, the European Parliament and the European Council. Three experts for these fields visited the Parliament of Montenegro several times, when they conducted project activities, focusing, for the most part, to practical work with the employees of the Parliament.

4.2. VISITS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER STATES AND PARLIAMENTS

During the reporting period, a number of visits and meetings had been arranged between the representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro and numerous delegations and officials in the framework of bilateral cooperation with other countries and parliaments, as well as with representatives of foreign and international organizations.

The following delegations visited the Parliament of Montenegro during the reporting period: Delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE PA), French Senate, National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, German Bundestag, United States Congress, Slovak Parliament, Slovenian Parliament, National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, The National Assembly of the Republic of Srpska, House of Lords of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, European Parliament, Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia, National Assembly of Hungary, Croatian Parliament, Bavarian Parliament, Senate of the Czech Republic, Grand National Assembly of Turkey, National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Azerbaijan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania, The French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia, Government of Slovenia, Government of the Czech Republic and European Commission.

In addition, the representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro met with: ambassadors of Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Egypt, France, USA, Canada, People's Republic of China, United Arab Emirates, Slovenia, Kingdom of Norway, United Kingdom, Republic of Cuba, Russian Federation, Ukraine, NATO countries, South Korea, Holland, Israel, Turkey; as well as representatives of the: United Nations, UNDP, SIGMA, State Department, National Democratic Institute (NDI), UNICEF, International Monetary Fund, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC), Venice Commission experts, Westminster Foundation for Democracy, World Bank, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, etc.

ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT

During the 24th Convocation, the President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Mr. Ranko Krivokapić, hosted numerous officials and representatives of parliaments, states and international organization, including: Delegation of the Swedish Parliament, Member of the European Parliament and Rapporteur for Montenegro, Mr. Charles Tannock, EU Commissioner for Enlargement, Mr. Olli Rehn, Delegation of German Bundestag, NATO Secretary General, Mr. Anders Fogh Rasmussen, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy, Mr. Javier Solana, President of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, Ms. Jadranka Kosor, Vice-President of the European Commission, Mr. Jacques Barrot, Deputy Secretary of State, Mr. Jim Steinberg, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Mr. Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, Lord Speaker of the House of Lords of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Baroness Hélène Valerie Hayman, President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, Ms. Slavica Đukić-Dejanović, President of the European Council, Mr. Herman Van Rompuy, European Commission President, Mr. José Manuel Barroso, President of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia, Mr. Trajko Veljanoski, President of Republic of Turkey, Mr. Abdullah Gül, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania, Mr. Ilir Meta, President of the Republic of Croatia, Mr. Ivo Josipović, German Foreign Minister, Mr. Guido Westerwelle, European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighborhood Policy, Mr. Štefan Füle, President of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, Mr. Jean-Paul Costa, President of the Republic of Macedonia, Mr. Đorđe Ivanov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria, Mr. Michael Spindelegger, Council of Europe Secretary General, Mr. Terry



President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Mr. Ranko Krivokapić, received Mr. Roberto Battelli, leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission and Head of the OSCE PA delegation and Mr. Christopher Chope, Head of the PACE delegation

Davis, Speaker of the Croatian Parliament, Mr. Luka Bebić, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, Mr. Nikolay Mladenov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Sven Alkalaj, the Prime Minister of Republic of Slovenia, Mr. Borut Pahor, President of the Venice Commission, Mr. Gianni Buquicchio, President of the National Assembly of Republic of Slovenia, Mr. Pavel Gantar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Mr. Ahmed Aboul-Gheit, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece, Mr. Dimitrios Droutsas, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic, Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, OSCE Secretary General, Mr. Marc Perrin de Brichambaut, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, Ms. Vesna Pušić, United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Bakir Izetbegović, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Thomas Countryman, Delegation of the National Assembly of the Republic of Hungary, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Mr. Sergey Lavrov, Palestinian Foreign Minister, Mr. Riyad Al-Maliki, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary, Mr. Péter Balázs, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey, Mr. Ahmet Davutoğlu, Deputy Prime Minister of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Hui Liangyu, Delegation of National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, Delegation of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg, Mr. Jean Asselborn, President of the House of Representatives of the Belgian Federal Parliament, Mr. Patrick Dewael,

NATO Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Alexander Vershbow, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia, Mr. Karl Erjavec, President of the Republic of Slovenia, Mr. Danilo Türk, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Zlatko Lagumdžija, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia, Mr. Nikola Poposki, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Albania, Mr. Edmond Panariti, Bulgarian Prime Minister, Mr. Boyko Borisov, President of the Slovak Republic, Mr. Ivan Gašparovič, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Mr. Karel Schwarzenberg, Delegation of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic, Mr. Mikuláš Dzurinda, President of the Czech Republic, Mr. Vaclav Klaus, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cyprus, Mr. Markos Kyprianou, Prime Minister of Ukraine, Mr. Mykola Azarov, Delegation of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan, Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov, Commander of NATO forces in Europe, Admiral James Stavridis, President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Mr. Karl Lamers, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania, Mr. Audronius Ažubali, Delegation of the French Senate, Senators from the United States, as well as resident and non-resident ambassadors of foreign countries and international organizations in Montenegro.

ACTIVITIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE PARLIAMENT

In the reporting period, the Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Mr. Željko Šturanović, met with numerous officials and representatives of the parliaments, foreign and international organization, diplomatic and consular missions in Montenegro, including: Chairman of the Committee on Education, Science, Culture, Human Rights and Petitions of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, Mr. Jaromír Jermář, Ambassador of the Republic of Egypt, Ms. Amal Murad, Director of the Directorate of democratic institutions of the Council of Europe Mr. Childerik Schaapveld, Delegation of German Bundestag headed by MP Alexander Ulrich, Delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Srpska, Mr. Igor Radojičić, President of the Supreme Court and of the National Council of Justice of the Republic of Hungary, Mr. András Baka, Delegation of Bavarian Parliament's Committee on Relations with the Federation and Europe, Delegation of the International Union of Notaries, Delegation of members of the Parliamentary friendship Group for Relations with the countries of Eastern Europe of the Bundestag, Member of the European Parliament and Vice-President in charge of relations with Western Balkan, Mr. László Surján, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, H.E. Mr. Zhi Zhaolin, etc.

In the reporting period, the Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Mr. Rifat Rastoder, met with numerous officials and representatives of the parliaments, foreign and international organization, diplomatic and consular missions in Montenegro, including: Speaker of the Albanian Parliament, Ms. Jozefina Topalli, Speaker of the Turkish Grand National Assembly, Mr. Koksal Toptan, representative the Parliament of the Kingdom of Belgium, Mr. Patrick Dewael, Delegation of Bundestag, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr. Ali Ahani, Head of the Unit for Montenegro and Albania, in the Directorate General for Enlargement of the European Commission, Mr. Vassilis Maragos, Chairman of the Presidency of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, presidents of Parliamentary Friendship Group with Grand National Assembly of Turkey, Ambassador of Ukraine to Montenegro, Ms. Oksana Slusarenko, Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, etc.



Vice President Mr. Željko Šturanović received Delegation of the International Union of Notaries



4.3. VISITS TO OTHER STATES AND PARLIAMENTS

In the reporting period, the President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Mr. Ranko Krivokapić and representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro paid a visit to the representatives of other states and their parliaments, including: Italian Parliament, Croatian Parliament, the Parliament of Spain, German Bundestag, National People's Congress of China, Baltic Assembly, United States Congress, Parliament of Iceland and Parliament of Denmark.

ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT

During the 24th Convocation, President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Mr. Ranko Krivokapić, paid visits to other states and their parliaments, including: Speaker of the Croatian Parliament, Mr. Luka Bebić, Croatian Prime Minister, Ms. Jadranka Kosor, President of the German Bundestag, Mr. Norbert Lammert, European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighborhood Policy, Mr. Štefan Füle, President of the European Parliament, Mr. Jerzy Buzek, President of Italian Chamber of Deputies, Mr. Gianfranco Fini, Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Franco Frattini, Speakers of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Mr. Arūnas Valinskas, Speaker of the Parliament of Albania, Ms. Jozefina Topalli, President of the Republic of Albania, Mr. Bamir Topi, Prime Minister of Albania, Mr. Sali Berisha, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Albania, Mr. Ilir Meta, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, Mr. Mehmet Ali Şahin, President of Turkey, Mr. Abdullah Gül, President of the National Assembly of Slovenia, Mr. Pavel Gantar, Prime Minister of Slovenia, Mr. Borut Pahor, President of Slovenia, Mr. Danilo Türk, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of Romania, Ms. Roberta Alma Anastase, President of the European Parliament, Mr. Martin Schulz, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly President, Mr. Riccardo Migliori, President of Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Mr. Jean-Claude Mignon as well as Pope Benedict XVI.

In addition, the President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Mr. Ranko Krivokapić, paid a visit to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Parliament of Austria, National Assembly of Hungary, Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, United States Congress, Parliament of Sweden, Parliament of Iceland, Parliament of Denmark, People's Republic of China, etc.

During the reporting period, the President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Mr. Ranko Krivokapić, also participated in numerous conferences and other multilateral meetings, including: Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the North Atlantic Alliance, held in Rome, where the President Krivokapić was keynote speaker, XX Session of Igman Initiative, 6th session of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (EMPA) in Amman, The Fourth Conference of Presidents of Parliaments of the Western Balkan Countries in Bucharest, European Parliament Conference of Presidents in Brussels, XIII meeting of Presidents of Parliaments of the Regional Partnership of 10 countries in Bratislava, organized by Inter-parliamentary Union and United Nations, where the President Krivokapić had introductory statement, 10th Conference of Presidents of Parliament of the Adriatic Ionian Initiative (AII) members, Croatia Summit in Dubrovnik, European Conference of Presidents of Parliaments of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

ACTIVITIES OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT

In the reporting period, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Mr. Željko Šturanović, paid a visit to Palestine, which is, in the same time the first visit of Montenegrin officials to this country, and he also visited Jordan where he participated in the Sixth Session of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (EMPA).

During the 24th Convocation, Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Mr. Rifat Rastoder, paid number of visits, including: Germany, Parliament of Spain, Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Grand National Assembly of Turkey. Furthermore, he participated at the parliamentary forum, organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Grand National Assembly of Turkey in Istanbul and the conference on "Human Rights and parliamentarians" in Belgrade.

4.4. FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

Very intensive cooperation at the bilateral level with parliaments of the EU countries, parliaments of in region and with the parliaments of other countries is conducted within friendship groups. Friendship groups are established with the aim of establishing and developing bilateral cooperation with parliaments of other countries and exchange of experiences on issues of joint interest.

During the 24th Convocation, the following friendship groups acted in the Parliament of Montenegro:

- ◇ Friendship group with parliaments of EU Member States;
- ◇ Friendship group with the French Senate;
- ◇ Friendship group with the Parliament of Romania;
- ◇ Friendship group with the National Assembly of Slovenia;
- ◇ Friendship group with the Parliament of Austria;
- ◇ Friendship group with the Polish Parliament;
- ◇ Friendship groups with parliaments of Russia, China and the countries of the East;
- ◇ Friendship group with the Russian Duma;
- ◇ Friendship group with the Parliament of Ukraine;
- ◇ Friendship group with National Assembly of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- ◇ Friendship groups with parliaments of the countries of the former Yugoslavia (Bosnia, Macedonia, Serbia, Croatia, and Kosovo);
- ◇ Friendship group with the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- ◇ Friendship group with the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia;
- ◇ Friendship group with the National Assembly of Serbia;
- ◇ Friendship group with the Parliament of Croatia;
- ◇ Friendship group with parliaments of the overseas countries (USA, Australia);
- ◇ Friendship group with the Parliament of Australia;
- ◇ Friendship group with parliaments of the Mediterranean (Gibraltar, Monaco, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Palestine, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Macedonia, San Marino, Vatican, Andorra and Morocco);
- ◇ Friendship group with the Parliament of Albania;
- ◇ Friendship group with the Grand National Assembly of Turkey;
- ◇ Friendship group with the Islamic Consultative Assembly of Iran;

4.5. PERMANENT DELEGATIONS



Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) was established in 1889 as an international organization of parliaments of sovereign states. The new monitoring status of IPU in the United Nations is the latest step in its striving to take the parliamentary dimension to international stage and to hear the voice of elected representatives of the people in the international negotiating processes.

Being the core of parliamentary dialogue and action, the organization gathers parliaments to consider issues of international interest contribute to defence and promote parliamentarian and human rights and support the consolidation of representative institutions worldwide.

Issues of peace and stability have always been highly positioned on the IPU agenda. On many occasions all members took part in considering safety issues, including disarmament, embargo and international sanctions, the International Criminal Court and terrorism. In 1994, IPU established a special Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law. In cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, the Committee published Handbook for Parliamentarians: Respect for International Humanitarian Law (1999).

Delegation of the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro to IPU consisted of the Head of Delegation, Mr. Ranko Krivokapić, members Mr. Željko Šturanović and Ms. Dušanka Džakula-Tušup.

Members of the Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to Inter-Parliamentary Union, in the reporting period, participated in the following sessions of the IPU Assembly:

- ◇ 27 March – 1 April 2010, Bangkok – 122nd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union with the overall theme “Parliament at the heart of political reconciliation and good governance“. The Parliament of Montenegro was admitted as a full-fledged member of Geopolitical group “12 Plus”, which brings together the parliaments of 46 countries and aims at timely exchange of opinions and affirmation of interest and ideas of parliaments of European countries within the IPU, as well as joint approach in the achievement of common goals.
- ◇ 4 – 6 October 2010 Geneva - 123rd IPU Assembly, brought together representatives of legislative power from 123 countries of the world. Key topics of the Assembly as well as of standing committees were issues regarding electoral legislation aimed at preventing electoral violence, transparency and accountability in the funding of political parties and election campaigns, and sustainable development through the management of natural resources, agricultural production and demographic change.

In the reporting period, the President of the Parliament participated at Third World Conference of Speakers of Parliament of Inter-Parliamentary Union, held in Geneva, from 19th to 21st July 2010. The main topic of the Conference was “Parliaments in a world of crisis: securing global democratic accountability for the common good”. On the second day of the Conference, the President of the Parliament had a presentation on the topic “Achieving the Millennium Development Goals”.

Along with the sessions of the IPU Assembly, meetings of the **Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP)**, a consultative body of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, are held. Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro, Mr. Damir Davidović, has been participating at the meetings since March 2010, while Assistant Secretary General Ms. Nataša Komnenić has been participating since October 2011.

Secretary General of the Parliament participated in the following meetings of the Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP):

- ◇ 28 March – 1 April 2010, Bangkok – The meeting was held along with the 122nd IPU Assembly. The Secretary General participated in the debate on relation between the parliament and executive power and the spirit of democratic independence of parliaments in modern democratic societies;
- ◇ 4 – 7 October 2010, Geneva - The meeting was held along with the 123rd IPU Assembly. On the first day of the Meeting, the Secretary General spoke about Parliamentary autonomy in Montenegro. Transparency of the work was also discussed at the meeting, as well as managing parliamentary spending during economic restraint, challenges of the parliamentary committees in exercising oversight functions, and improving communication between the Parliament and citizen;
- ◇ 17 – 20 October 2011, Bern – The meeting was held along with the 125th IPU Assembly, where special attention was paid to the topics: “Planning Chamber business” and “The concept of an activist parliament”.



NATO Parliamentary Assembly (NATO PA) consists of parliamentary delegates who are selected from the members of national parliaments of NATO member countries, ensuring that the composition of the delegation represents the political balance in the national parliament. One of the main tasks of the Parliamentary Assembly is to promote a common feeling of Atlantic solidarity and to further the aims and values of the Atlantic Alliance.

Subject to the approval of the Assembly, the Standing Committee may decide, by a three-quarters majority of its members present and eligible to vote, to invite delegations from parliaments of countries which are not members of the Atlantic Alliance to participate in the work of the Assembly. The Standing Committee decides on the size of associate delegations and the number of delegates nominated to each Committee of the Assembly.

Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to NATO Parliamentary Assembly participates as an associate member and therefore has the right to attend the plenary sittings of the Assembly as well as seminars and meetings of the Parliamentary Assembly committees, unless decided otherwise by the Standing Committee. Members of the Delegation can speak and propose amendments, but are not entitled to vote.

Since the constitution of the 24th Convocation until March 2012, the Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the NATO PA consisted of the Head of the Delegation, Mr. Dragan Đurović, members Mr. Borislav Banović and Mr. Vasilije Lalošević, and Deputies Mr. Raško Konjević and Mr. Đorđe Pinjatić. As of March 2012, MP Mevludin Nuhodžić was appointed Head of the Delegation due to cessation of MP's function to Dragan Đurović.

In the reporting period, members of the Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the NATO PA took part in regular sessions, forums and meetings, as follows:

- ◇ *11 May 2009, Rome* - ceremonial sitting to mark the 60th anniversary of NATO, where the following topics were discussed: “NATO in Transition: the Collapse of the Wall, New Countries in the Alliance, Current Operations” and “NATO towards a Multipolar World following the Strasbourg-Kehl Summit”;
- ◇ *22 - 26 May 2009, Oslo* - Spring Session of NATO PA dedicated to the topics: NATO-Russia relations, new strategic concept, new security-related issues and NATO enlargement;
- ◇ *25 - 26 Jun 2009, Astana* - Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council (EAPC) Security Forum and the Rose Roth Seminar;
- ◇ *13 - 17 November 2009, Edinburgh* - Annual Session of the NATO PA, where Draft Resolution on Reaffirmation of NATO’s Open Door Policy was adopted;
- ◇ *28 May - 1 Jun 2010, Riga* - Spring Session of NATO PA, where the significance of the continuation of regional cooperation among Western Balkans countries was emphasized;
- ◇ *12 - 16 November 2010, Warsaw* - 56th Annual Session of the NATO PA, specifically dedicated to the topic: “From Lisbon to Lisbon: Squaring the Circle of EU and NATO Future Roles”. MP of Bundestag Dr. Karl A. Lamers was elected the President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly;
- ◇ *23 - 25 March 2011, Tbilisi* - 76th Rose-Roth Seminar: Fitting the Caucasus into a Global Framework: Georgian Perspectives and International Stakes;
- ◇ *27 - 30 May 2011, Varna* - Spring Session of the NATO PA. Draft Report on “The Balkan Economies”, among others, presented the economic trends in Montenegro. Participants of the Meeting jointly concluded that, by gaining candidate status for EU membership, Montenegro had made significant progress and that it was necessary to continue with reforms.
- ◇ *7 - 10 October 2011, Bucharest* - 57th Annual Session of NATO Parliamentary Assembly where special attention was paid to the topic “Transatlantic burden sharing in a time of budgetary crisis”;
- ◇ *21 - 22 November 2011, London* - 78th Rose-Roth Seminar: “Afghanistan towards transition 2011-2014”. During the Seminar, the Head of Montenegrin Parliamentary Mission, Mr. Dragan Đurović, had a meeting with the President of the NATO PA, Dr. Karl Lamers;
- ◇ *23 - 24 April 2012, Tirana* - Conference on “Smart Defense in South Eastern Europe”, where special attention was paid to the concept of “smart defense” and coordination of efforts in order to implement that concept on regional basis;
- ◇ *25 - 28 May 2012, Tallinn* - Spring Session of the NATO PA dedicated to the current international security-related topics;
- ◇ *15 - 17 October 2012, Budva* - 81st Rose-Roth Seminar on “Anchoring Stability in the Western Balkans: Fulfilling the Promise of Euro-Atlantic Integration”, brought together about 160 participants, 66 parliamentarians from 14 NATO member countries and 10 partner delegations, experts from Montenegro, as well as representatives of international organizations, NGOs and nonprofit organizations.



Organization for Security and Co-operation is the world’s largest regional security organization, which brings together 56 participating States, partners for cooperation and has 16 field missions. OSCE encompasses a wide range of activities related to all three dimensions of security: politico-military, economic and environmental, and human aspects.

The Parliamentary Assembly of OSCE, created by the Madrid Declaration, held its first session in Budapest, when it was decided to establish the seat of the International Secretariat in Copenhagen. The Parliamentary Assembly has 320 members from 56 countries, with the primary task of facilitating inter-parliamentary dialogue, an important aspect of the overall effort to successfully meet the challenges of democracy throughout the OSCE area. OSCE PA is an autonomous body that does not follow the consensus rule, i.e. decisions are made by majority of votes. At each Annual Session, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly elects President who acts as the highest representative of the Assembly and presides over the meetings of the Assembly. The current President of the OSCE PA is Riccardo Migliori (Italy).

Montenegro was admitted to the OSCE by the decision reached at the meeting of the Permanent Council, on 22



June 2006, which was the first Montenegro's membership in an international organization after the restoration of its statehood. Montenegro signed the Helsinki Final Act (Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe) on 1 September 2006. Montenegro is entitled to three members (the head and two members of the delegation) and three alternate members in the Parliamentary Assembly.

From the beginning of the 24th Convocation of the Parliament until the end of 2010, the delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the OSCE PA was composed of the Head of Delegation, Mr. Ranko Krivokapić, members, Mr. Predrag Sekulić and Mr. Goran Danilović and alternate members, Mr. Rifat Rastoder, Mr. Aleksandar Bogdanović and Mr. Slaven Radunović.

In the period from the end of 2010 until mid-2012, the delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the OSCE PA was composed of the Head of Delegation, Mr. Ranko Krivokapić, member, Mr. Goran Danilović and alternate members, Mr. Rifat Rastoder, Mr. Aleksandar Bogdanović and Mr. Slaven Radunović.

In the period from the mid-2012 until the end of the 24th Convocation (6 November 2012), the delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the OSCE PA was composed of the Head of Delegation, Mr. Ranko Krivokapić, members, Mr. Milutin Simović and Mr. Goran Danilović, and alternate members, Mr. Rifat Rastoder, and Mr. Slaven Radunović.

During the 24th Convocation, members of the delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to OSCE PA participated in regular sessions and meetings, namely:

- ◇ 9 - 12 October 2009, Athens – The Fall Meetings: "Energy Security and Environment". The meetings gathered over 200 parliamentarians from 49 countries;
- ◇ 18 - 19 February 2010, Vienna – The Winter Meetings, where the participants specifically addressed the situation in Afghanistan;
- ◇ 6 - 10 July 2010, Oslo – The Annual Session, dedicated to the rule of law and fight against transnational crime and corruption issues;
- ◇ 8 - 11 October 2010, Palermo – The Fall Meetings, opened with the Mediterranean Forum meeting, in which the issues of economic, infrastructural, cultural, and environmental protection cooperation in the Mediterranean were discussed. The President Krivokapić participated in a series of bilateral meetings with Italian officials on the sidelines of the Fall Meetings;
- ◇ 24 - 25 February 2011, Vienna – The Winter Meetings, in which the special debate on the situation in the Mediterranean area was held, and on the topic of "Immigration, Integration and Multi-ethnic Dialogue in the OSCE", after which the Joint Statement on the situation in North Africa was adopted;
- ◇ 6 - 10 July 2011, Belgrade – The Annual Session, where the Belgrade Declaration was adopted, under the general theme of "Strengthening the OSCE's Effectiveness and Efficiency – A new start after the Astana Summit", voted in favour by 230 parliamentarians from 53 countries;
- ◇ 7 - 10 October 2011, Dubrovnik – The Fall Meetings, under the topic "Regional Development in South-East Europe: Challenges, Opportunities and Prospects", which included discussions on the themes of economic cooperation, promotion of Euro-Atlantic integration and long-term stability in Southeast Europe;
- ◇ 23 - 24 February 2012, Vienna – The Winter Meetings, with the special debate on "The Future of Conventional Arms Control in the OSCE Area";
- ◇ 5 - 9 July 2012, Monaco – The Annual Session, where the political declaration was adopted, recommending plans of action to address human rights, military transparency and the global economic crisis. The President Krivokapić participated in a series of bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the Session;
- ◇ 5 - 7 October 2012, Tirana – The Fall Meetings were organized in the frameworks of the Parliamentary Conference "The OSCE: Promoting Good Governance and Integration as a basis for Stability and Security", to discuss protection of multicultural society, financial crisis and the role of media in promoting good governance. The Vice-President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Mr. Rifat Rastoder, took part in the discussion on "Promoting and Protecting Multi-ethnic and Multicultural Societies in the OSCE Region". In his speech, he expressed satisfaction for the fact that the issue of promotion and protection of multi-ethnic and multicultural society was listed on the agenda of the Fall Meetings and if there was anything that we had in common, it was the multi-ethnic and multicultural society that we lived in. He mentioned that Montenegro was a typical example of the sustainability of such society, both in the region and beyond, and that this issue was a foundation of freedoms defined by the Constitution.



Council of Europe is the oldest pan-European organization. It was established on 5 May 1949 by ten European countries, and at present comprises 47 countries with 800 million citizens. The seat of the Council of Europe is in Strasbourg. This international organization seeks to develop common democratic principles throughout Europe, based on the European Convention on Human Rights. It promotes development of democracy, in particular, parliamentary democracy, and respect of human rights and freedoms.

Montenegro became member state of the Council of Europe on 11 May 2007 by the decision of the Committee of Ministers of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), and to this day it remains the youngest member state. Montenegro has been a full-fledged member of the Venice Commission since 6 June 2006, with representatives in a number of committees of the Council of Europe. Since its accession to the Council of Europe, co-rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee for Montenegro were: Mr. Jean-Charles Gardetto - Monaco and Ms. Serhiy Holovaty - Ukraine. Mr Serhiy Holovaty was replaced by rapporteur from Turkey Ms. Nursuna Memecan on 13 March 2012, while Mr. Kimmo Sasi from Finland was elected to replace Mr. Jean-Charles Gardetto at the session of the Monitoring Committee, held on 4 September 2012.

Since the constitution of the 24th Convocation until 14 September 2009, Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe consisted of the Head of the delegation, Mr. Predrag Bošković and permanent members Mr. Andrija Mandić, and alternate members Ms. Valentina Radulović - Šćepanović, Džavid Šabović and Dragan Šoć.

From 14 September 2009 to 11 April 2011, Delegation consisted of: the Head of the delegation, Mr. Predrag Sekulić, permanent members: Mr. Džavid Šabović and Mr. Neven Gošović, and alternate members Ms. Valentina Radulović - Šćepanović, Mr. Ervin Spahić and Mr. Obrad Gojković.

From 11 April 2012 until the end of term of office of MPs of the 24th Convocation, Montenegrin delegation had three permanent members. The Head of the Delegation was Ms. Valentina Radulović - Šćepanović, and permanent members were Mr. Džavid Šabović and Mr. Obrad Gojković. Alternate members were MPs Mr. Zoran Vukčević, Mr. Ervin Spahić and Ms. Snežana Jonica.

All members of the Montenegrin delegation were at the same time members of several committees of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. Also, all members of the Delegation are members of socialist groups (SOC) PACE, while the Head of the delegation, Ms. Valentina Radulović - Šćepanović was elected Vice President of the Socialist Group in the PACE and the Secretariat of the Socialist Group in the PACE on 10 April 2011.

During the 24th Convocation, Members of the Delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe took part in its ordinary sessions and meetings as follows:

- ◇ 27 – 30 April 2009, Strasbourg - Spring Session focused on the debate on the Report on the situation of human rights defenders in Council of Europe member states. Also, at the session, the Rapporteur of the Ad Hoc Committee, MP Andreas Gros (Switzerland), said that the results of the early parliamentary elections held in Montenegro on 29 March 2009 were widely accepted and there was an active participation of the civil society and the print media;
- ◇ 22 – 26 June 2009, Strasbourg – Summer Session where special attention was paid to the manner of election of Secretary General of the Council of Europe;
- ◇ 27 September – 2 October 2009, Strasbourg - Fall Session, where mandates of the new delegation were verified: the Head of the Delegation, Mr. Predrag Sekulić, permanent members Mr. Džavid Šabović and Mr. Neven Gošović and alternate members Ms. Valentina Radulović - Šćepanović, Mr. Ervin Spahić and Mr. Obrad Gojković;
- ◇ 25 – 29 January 2010, Strasbourg – Winter Session, when Mr. Mevlut Cavusoglu (Turkey) was elected the President of the Assembly. The session was focused, among other things, on discussions on reports on the situation in the Middle East, functioning of democratic institutions in Bosnia, corruption in the judiciary, etc.;
- ◇ 26 – 30 April 2010, Strasbourg – Spring Session, at which Resolution on Honouring of obligations and commitments by Montenegro arising from the Council of Europe membership. Also, urgent discussions on the necessity of urgent amending of the Constitution of the Bosnia and Herzegovina, situation in Belarus the consequences of the conflict between Georgia and Russia, and the report on lobbying in democratic societies, were held;

- ◇ 21 – 25 June 2010, Strasbourg – Summer Session, when the Prime Minister of Montenegro, Mr. Milo Đukanović, addressed the Assembly and pointed out that Montenegro made systemic reforms, strengthened and established new institutions in line with international standards, and effectively carried out commitments since its admission to the CoE in 2007. The Meeting was focused on discussions on the situation in Kosovo, the role and activities of the CoE, status of Roma population in Europe, etc.
- ◇ 4 – 8 October 2010, Strasbourg - Fall Session focused on discussions on the fight against extremism and on children without parental care, while Mr. Wojciech Sawicki was elected Secretary General of the Assembly. Members of the delegation met with co-rapporteur of the Monitoring Committee;
- ◇ 24 – 28 January 2011, Strasbourg - Fall Session, MP Valentina Radulović – Šćepanović, as the Head of Montenegrin parliamentary delegation to the PACE, participated in the meeting of the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs of the PACE on the occasion of mandate verification to Montenegrin delegation, while in the plenum she discussed about the report on the protection of witnesses as a cornerstone for justice and reconciliation in the Balkans. MP Obrad Gojković discussed on the report on inhuman treatment of people and illicit trafficking in human organs in Kosovo. Also, the parliamentary delegation of Montenegro to PACE met with the Venice Commission.
- ◇ 11 – 15 April 2011, Strasbourg –Spring Session, the mandate of the new delegation, consisting of six MPs (three permanent members and three alternate members), were verified. In accordance with the regulations of the Council of Europe, the delegation included two women - permanent member, Ms. Valentina Radulović – Šćepanović, and alternate member, Ms. Snežana Jonica. MP Valentina Radulović Šćepanović was elected the Head of the delegation, and Zoran Vukčević was appointed deputy head of the delegation.
- ◇ 13 – 15 June 2011, Bečići - the Head of the Montenegrin parliamentary delegation to PACE, participated in IX Conference of Speakers of Parliaments of South East Europe (SEECF), on behalf of the President of the PACE;
- ◇ 17 June 2011, Paris - MP Zoran Vukčević participated in the regular session of the Committee for Economic Affairs and Development of PACE;
- ◇ 20 – 24 June 2011, Strasbourg – Summer Session, MP Zoran Vukčević participated in the discussion on the adoption of the budget of the Council of Europe and setting of the budget priorities of the Council of Europe for fiscal 2012 and 2013. The Head of the delegation participated in discussions on the report “Living together in 21st century Europe” and together with the permanent member of the delegation, Mr. Obrad Gojković, participated in the meeting of the Monitoring Committee aimed at the exchange of opinions regarding information note on Montenegro, drawn by co-Rapporteurs Mr. Jean-Charles Gardet and Mr. Sharh Holovati, following their visit to Montenegro at the beginning of June 2011;
- ◇ 3 – 7 October 2011, Strasbourg - Fall Session: Head of the delegation Ms. Valentina Radulović - Šćepanović and MP Snežana Jonica participated in the meeting of the Monitoring Committee and informed on the progress that Montenegro achieved in the period from June to October 2011, with special emphasis on the implementation of previous recommendations of the co-Rapporteurs;
- ◇ 23 – 27 January 2012, Strasbourg – Winter Session: At the meeting of the Monitoring Committee, MPs Mr. Zoran Vukčević and Ms. Snežana Jonica informed on the progress that Montenegro achieved in the period from October to January 2012, with special emphasis on the implementation of previous recommendations of the co-Rapporteurs;
- ◇ 23 – 27 April 2012, Strasbourg - Spring Session: Head of the delegation Ms. Valentina Radulović - Šćepanović and MP Snežana Jonica participated in the meeting of the Monitoring Committee. The Delegation had a meeting with co-Rapporteurs of the Monitoring Committee - Mr. Jean-Charles Gardet and Ms. Nursuna Memecan;
- ◇ 25 May 2012, Tirana - Head of the delegation participated in the meeting of the Standing Committee and had a series of bilateral meetings with heads of delegations and PACE MPs for consideration of the draft resolution on honouring of obligations and commitments by Montenegro;
- ◇ 31 May 2012, Paris –Head of the delegation Ms. Valentina Radulović - Šćepanović and MP Snežana Jonica participated in the meeting of the Monitoring Committee to discuss the comments and amendments submitted by Delegation on the draft resolution on honouring of obligations and commitments by Montenegro arousing from the CE membership;
- ◇ 25 – 29 June 2012, Strasbourg - Summer Session, the Resolution on honouring of obligations and commitments by Montenegro was adopted. Head of the delegation Ms. Valentina Radulović - Šćepanović and MP Snežana Jonica participated in the meeting of the Monitoring Committee for the consideration of the report on honouring of obligations and commitments by Montenegro;
- ◇ 9 – 11 September 2012, Helsinki – Head of the delegation and MP Zoran Vukčević participated in the meeting of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy of PACE and in the Seminar of the Bureau of the Socialist

Group of PACE;

- ◇ 1 – 5 October 2012, Strasbourg - Fall Session agenda included reports on the humanitarian crisis in Syria, freedom of the choice of education in Europe, human rights and foreign policy, and financial transactions tax for more solidarity and restoration of social justice. In addition to participation in regular sessions and meetings of the PACE Committee, it is important to refer to the activities carried out within the Council of Europe Campaign “One in Five”.

The Council of Europe Campaign to stop sexual violence against children, known as “One in five”, was launched on 29 September 2010. The campaign has two objectives: signing and ratification of the Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (Lanzarote Convention), as well as raising awareness on the true extent of sexual violence against children and measures to combat this problem. According to the statistics, every fifth child in Europe falls victim to sexual violence.

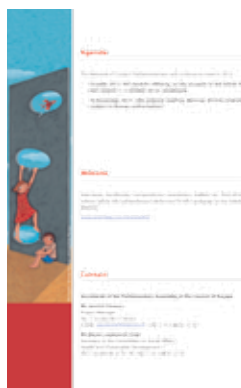


At the Fifth Meeting of PACE’s network of parliamentarians, held in Florence on 17 November 2011, the Head of the delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro to the PACE, Ms. Valentina Radulović - Šćepanović, was elected representative of the network of contact parliamentarians in the fight against sexual violence against children.

Montenegro national team for participation in the Council of Europe (CE) project “One in Five” was constituted on 2 March 2011, and on 11 April the National Plan for Campaign Activities was adopted. The plan was commended by the Council of Europe, as it can serve as an ideal model for other countries participating in the Campaign.

Within the “One in Five” campaign, numerous activities were conducted in Montenegro, including:

- ◇ 19 and 26 April 2012 - Roundtable on the topic of “Recognizing child victim of sexual violence and appropriate medical and psychological treatment” was held in the Institute for Public Health and roundtable on “Existing practical and legislative experience concerning the protection of children and minors subjected to sexual violence” was held in Cetinje;
- ◇ 17 May 2012 - Lecture on “Sexual abuse of children in tourist centres” was organized in Budva. One of the lecturers was regional expert, Ms. Gordana Flender, psychologist and psychotherapist, professor at the University of Zagreb and director of the Clinic for Child Protection in Zagreb;
- ◇ 16 and 17 May 2012 - Thematic meeting of South East Europe Children’s Rights Ombudsperson’s Network entitled “Protection of Children against Sexual Abuse and Exploitation”, was held in Podgorica;
- ◇ 23 May 2012 - Panel discussion on the topic of “Sexual abuse of children in the context of preventing trafficking in border areas and in tourist centres” was held in Cultural Centre in Rožaje;
- ◇ 18 June 2012 - Roundtable on “Implementation of Ethical Codes of journalists in informing about cases of sexual violence against children” was held in Children’s Home “Mladost”, Bijela. The aim of the roundtable was the improvement of awareness in this field, as well as promotion of the codes of journalists in informing about cases of sexual violence against children;
- ◇ 26 and 27 June 2012 - Seminar on “Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse” took place in the Ministry of Education and Sports, where educators, psychologists, special educators/speech therapists had the opportunity to exchange experiences and learn about the signs of sexual violence, as well as procedures in case of discovery of such incidence; and the second seminar was intended for the representatives of social and child protection system, health care, education and upbringing, police and judiciary, aimed at exchange of experiences, as well as defining the position and role of individual sectors in order to fulfill children’s rights and protect their interests.



Information on the activities carried out in Montenegro have been posted on the CoE official website “One in Five” Bulletin No 5³, while the cover page of the Bulletin No.6 was dedicated to Montenegrin campaign “One in Five” and to the national coordinator Ms. Valentina Radulović-Šćepanović⁴, out of gratitude for great contribution in the implementation and promotion of this project.

18 http://www.coe.int/t/dg3/children/1in5/Source/Assembly/Newsletter_en.pdf

19 http://www.coe.int/t/dg3/children/1in5/Source/Assembly/Newsletter6_en.pdf

4.6. REGIONAL INITIATIVES

Cetinje Parliamentary Forum (CPF): is the autochthonous regional initiative of parliamentary cooperation of the Southeast Europe countries on their way towards the EU. The Forum was initiated by the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro, in cooperation with the Parliament of the former State Union of Serbia and Montenegro, in February 2004. The Forum aims at the strengthening of the parliamentary cooperation, exchange of knowledge and experiences and as a result, the overall improvement of bilateral and multilateral ties among countries of the region.

Since April 2009, six meetings of the Cetinje Parliamentary Forum were held, where parliamentarians from the region and partner countries, European Union members, together with representatives of governments, international organisations and civic sector discussed the current issues in the region in the field of foreign policy, education, culture, economy, security and other.

◇ 25 – 27 April 2010 – IX Cetinje Parliamentary Forum and the meeting of the Central European Initiative Parliamentary Dimension, titled “The Parliament’s Role in Combating Corruption and Organised Crime“, were held with the financial support of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. The Conference was attended by representatives of 13 countries, CEI-PD members as well as representatives of relevant international organisations, and it was opened by President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr. Ranko Krivokapić.

◇ 21 and 22 June 2010 – X Cetinje Parliamentary Forum, with the financial support of OSCE and UNDP, was held on the topic “Women, Peace and Security – United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325“. After the Forum, the third OSCE Regional meeting of women parliamentarians was held on the theme “Regional Overview of the Implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325“. Apart from countries participants of the CPF, the meeting was attended by representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, NATO, OSCE, UNDP and DCAF, RCC, UNIFEM, OMiK/ Kosovo and CEENGI.



XI Cetinje Parliamentary Forum “The Parliament’s Role in the System of Export and Import of Arms“

◇ 7 and 8 November 2010 - XI Cetinje Parliamentary Forum, in cooperation with the UNDP Office in Podgorica and the South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC), was held on the theme “The Parliament’s Role in the System of Export and Import of Arms“. In addition to representatives of Montenegrin institutions and members of the Defence and Security Committee, the Forum was attended by members of defence and security committees of Albania, Macedonia, Serbia and Croatia.

◇ 5 and 6 May 2011 - The XII Cetinje Parliamentary Forum on the topic “Parliamentary Oversight of the Defence and Security Sector“ was organised by the Parliament of Montenegro in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC). Participants of the Forum concluded, among else, that it was necessary to strengthen the parliament’s role and make it proactive, as well as the role of its working bodies in the process of oversight of defence and security sector.



XII Cetinje Parliamentary Forum “Parliamentary Oversight of the Defence and Security Sector“

◇ 2 and 3 February 2012 –The XIII Cetinje Parliamentary Forum was held on the topic

“Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development”, in cooperation with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) and the NGO “Green Home”. Participants of the Forum were representatives of the parliaments of Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia and Serbia, Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro, Office of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Montenegro, Office for the Southeast Europe of the International Union for Conservation of Nature as well as representatives of the diplomatic corps.

- ◇ *16 October 2012* – XIV Cetinje Parliamentary Forum was held on the theme “The Western Balkans towards Euro-Atlantic Integration”. The Forum was attended by more than 160 representatives of delegations of NATO PA member states, among which were countries of the region, as well as important guests. The work of the Forum was divided into three sessions dedicated to the topics: “Perspectives for NATO Enlargement in the Western Balkans: Options”, “European Union Membership: Still a Magnet for the Western Balkans?” and “Political Developments and the Way Ahead in Serbia”.

Central European Initiative (CEI): CEI’s goal is to foster political and socio-economic development in the region and to avoid forming new division lines in Europe. To this end, the CEI is oriented to support the strengthening of the capacities of countries remaining outside the EU, to consolidate and bring them closer to the EU membership.



IX Conference of Presidents of Parliaments of the SEECP

Within the Presidency over the Parliamentary Dimension of the Central European Initiative (*1 January 2010 – 1 January 2011*), the Parliament of Montenegro organised the Meeting of the CEI-PD Parliamentary Committee (*April 2010*) and the meeting of the CEI-PD Parliamentary Assembly (*November 2010*), which were attended by approximately 150 parliamentarians of member states, representatives of the European Union and Council of Europe, regional parliamentary organisations and initiatives, diplomatic corps and Montenegrin NGOs. The meetings were dedicated to important regional questions such as fight against organised crime and corruption, cross-border cooperation, and parliament’s cooperation with civic sector. In this period the Head of the Permanent Delegation to CEI-PD, MP Miodrag Vuković, as the Chair of the Parliamentary Dimension of the Central European Initiative, participated in several regional gatherings and conferences.

In the reporting period, the permanent delegation consisting of Mr. Miodrag Vuković, Mr. Vasilije Lalošević and Mr. Damir Šehović participated in parliamentary meetings held during the presidency of Romania, Serbia and Ukraine over CEI.

Adriatic-Ionian Initiative (AII): Adriatic-Ionian Initiative was founded in Ancona, on 20 May 2000. Today, AII member states are seven European countries, which border the Adriatic and/or the Ionian Sea: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, the Hellenic Republic, the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Italy, the Republic of Slovenia, and as a successor to the membership, the Republic of Serbia. Aim of the AII is to improve development and to strengthen security in the Adriatic-Ionian area, intensify cooperation among the countries of the region and provide incentives for countries in transition towards the integration processes. After proclamation of the independence, Montenegro became full-fledged member of the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative, at Ministerial Conference, held in Sarajevo, on 31 May – 1 June 2007.

During the Montenegrin presidency over the AII Parliamentary Dimension (*May 2010 – May 2011*), the Parliament of Montenegro organised the Conference of Presidents of Parliaments of the AII Member States (*April 2011*), where two topics were predominant: “The Mediterranean region – Cradle of Multiculturalism” and “Sustainable Development of Energy Sector in the Adriatic-Ionian Region”. The Conference was attended by highest representatives of six Initiative member states. Also, President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić participated in the meetings of presidents of parliaments within presidencies of Greece, Italy and Serbia.

The South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECP) is a regional framework of cooperation initiated in June 1996 at the Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the South-East Europe (SEE) countries in Sofia, Bulgaria, with the objective of promoting and strengthening good neighbourly relations among the SEE

countries and transforming the region in the zone of peace, security, stability and cooperation. Montenegro formally became a SEECP member country at the Summit held in Zagreb, Croatia on 10 - 11 May 2007. During Montenegrin Chairmanship-in-Office (*June 2010 – June 2011*), the scope of parliamentary activities of the Initiative has significantly increased, through the organisation of meetings in Montenegro, as well as through strengthening communication with other regional organisations and initiatives. Working Group comprising of MPs and national coordinators of member states was formed, with the aim of finding the best modalities for the institutional restructuring of the Parliamentary Dimension of the Initiative and the creation of the SEECP Parliamentary Assembly. Furthermore, the Parliament of Montenegro organised independently two meetings of the Working Group (*May and June 2011*), the Conference of Presidents of Parliaments of the SEECP (*June 2011*) and, in cooperation with the Regional Secretariat for Parliamentary Cooperation in South Eastern Europe, it organised the meeting of national coordinators (*October 2010*) and the visit of the Working Group to the Baltic Assembly (*February 2011*).



IX Konferencija predsednika parlamenata SEECP

After the expiration of Montenegrin chairmanship over regional initiatives, representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro have remained actively involved in activities initiated by Montenegro or commenced during its presidency.

4.7. COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

In the reporting period, cooperation with numerous foreign and international organizations continued. These organizations supported the Parliament of Montenegro regarding the organisation of various regional and international gatherings, seminars and similar events, and also provided other opportunities for professional development and training. Some of them are:

Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) – A four-year project “Strengthening Capacities of the Parliament of Montenegro” funded by the Austrian government, through the Austrian Agency for International Development, ended in 2011. A number of seminars, meetings, public debates and study visits were organised within the project in several Montenegrin towns. Also, in June 2010, III OSCE Regional Women Parliamentarians Meeting, on “Regional Overview of the Implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325” was held. At the initiative of the Gender Equality Committee and with support of the OSCE Mission, the Parliament realised the project “Building capacities of the Gender Equality Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro for monitoring application of the Law on Gender Equality”.

The long-term cooperation with the **National Democratic Institute (NDI)** ended at the beginning of 2011, after the end of its programme in Montenegro, i.e. closing of its office in Montenegro. Within the parliamentary program, for over 10 years, this organisation conducted numerous activities aimed at strengthening of legislative and oversight role of the Parliament, as well as strengthening of its administrative capacities, which contributed to significant innovations in the work of the Parliament of Montenegro. However, cooperation with NDI has been continued through projects of regional programme for Central and Eastern Europe, so under the NDI Initiative for strengthening legislative institutions in the Western Balkans and the WFD Programme for strengthening parliaments in the Western Balkans, a regional workshop was organised in November, on the topic of effective oversight and legislative function of parliamentary committees in the Western Balkans.

Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD)- Memorandum of Understanding between the Parliament of Montenegro and the Westminster Foundation for Democracy, signed in May 2010 and renewed in November 2011, aims at development and strengthening of administrative capacities of the Parliament of Montenegro through Cooperation Programme between the Parliament of Montenegro and Westminster Foundation for Democracy. Activities

envisaged by the programme include fields of legislative control, financial control, communication and development of human resources. In this project, during the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro, a number of activities were conducted including seminars, roundtables, study visits to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as well as workshops with joint participation of Britain and Montenegrin parliamentarians and experts. Series of activities were realised with representatives of the Parliament of Montenegro in the fields defined by the programme, and during 2011, the Service of the Parliament of Montenegro was supported in making its Rule-book on Internal Organisation and Systematisation of the Service of the Parliament of Montenegro, as well as in making the Strategy for Development of Human Resources. New quality of cooperation is provided by the **British Council**, which is the third signing party to the new Memorandum. In cooperation with the British Council, several trainings for the employees of the Parliament were organised, on the topics of formal correspondence, EU working group meetings and presentation skills.

Office of the UNDP in Montenegro, together with the Gender Equality Committee and the OSCE Mission to Montenegro, presented in May "The Survey on Knowledge and Application of the Law on Gender Equality in the Institutions of Montenegro", publication with results of a research conducted in the second half of 2010, at the 61 institutions of Montenegro which have certain commitments required by the Law on Gender Equality. Also, as the part of the Gender Equality Programme, conducted jointly by the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro, Department for Gender Equality of the Government of Montenegro and UNDP, in the period from 11 to 15 June 2012, study visit to Slovenia was organised, with the aim of exchanging experiences on processes and changes that may occur due to the introduction of formal requests for greater participation of women in politics. Also, with the financial support of the **UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UNWOMEN)** and the Gender Equality Programme, the Gender Equality Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro organised in June 2012 the International Conference "Cetinje Parliamentary Forum: Women, Peace, Security – two years later".

Friedrich Ebert Foundation organised several conferences and two meetings of the Parliamentary Dimension of the Central European Initiative; first one was held in Cetinje, in April 2010, with the topic: "The Parliament's Role in Fight Against Corruption and Organised Crime", and the second one, in November of the same year, in Bečići, with two thematic sessions: "Cross-Border Cooperation among CEI Countries" and "Parliamentary Cooperation with Civil Sector". Friedrich Ebert Foundation, in cooperation with Montenegrin and other international organisations, organised several seminars, presentations, roundtables and other.

Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) encourages and supports institutions in their efforts to strengthen democratic and civil control of the defence and security sector and promotes international cooperation in this field. In its work, it is primarily focused on the following areas: parliamentary oversight, defence sector reform, border management, management of intelligence and security sector, the position of women in the field of defence and security, human rights and the rule of law, as well as providing support to civil society and capacity building. By its active participation in numerous projects, programs, training, study visits, as well as by providing technical and expert assistance in recent years, DCAF has given a great contribution to the reform of the defence and security system in Europe, in particular the establishment and strengthening of parliamentary oversight mechanisms. In terms of assistance and support to the strengthening of capacities of the Parliament of Montenegro, one of the most important activities is the implementation of a six-year Parliamentary Staff Advisers Programme in Southeast Europe. Activities envisaged by the framework of the three-year project for strengthening of parliamentary control over the defence and security sector in the Western Balkans countries, determined in February 2012, are to be realised.

The Parliament of Montenegro conducts activities relating to realisation of the project "Democracy Workshops" with financial support of the **ERSTE Foundation**, and technical and professional implementation of the **NGO Forum MNE** (Forum Young People and Informal Education). The project "Democracy Workshops" is intended for primary school children, with the objective to stimulate interest among young people in politics and democratic processes, which will enable them, through interactive features, to get familiar with the work of MPs and Parliament as an institution. Within the workshops, the role of the coach is to teach children, by age-adjusted program, on: democracy, parliament, power division in democratic society, the role of media, etc.

Joint activities of the Parliament of Montenegro and the **Konrad - Adenauer - Stiftung** began in 2003, through the organisation of roundtables, seminars, study visits, conferences and visits of foreign experts. Intensive cooperation continued during the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro, by organising roundtables and panel discussions on the effectiveness of parliament's work, the role and tasks of the parliament in the European integration process, by organising a study visit to the German Bundestag at the beginning of 2012, where participants were representatives of the Service of the Parliament and associates of the MP Groups, as well as by supporting presentation of the publication "Women's Side of the Parliament".

V PUBLICITY OF THE PARLIAMENT'S WORK

During the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro, significant progress was made in the context of achieving higher level of transparency and publicity of work of this institution. The Parliament's website gained a fuller content, by regular updates and direct broadcast of sessions of the Parliament, and other important events. In addition to regular publishing of reports on work and financial reports, another innovation is publishing data on individual MPs voting on laws passed during the 24th Convocation, as well as issuance of the monthly bulletin "Open Parliament".

Intensive efforts were made to strengthen the direct relationship with citizens through organised visits, Internship Programme and other activities, as well as initiating a pilot project "Democracy Workshops".

Increased participation of civil society representatives at the meetings of the working bodies also contributes to better work of the Parliament. Cooperation between the Parliament and civil sector is realised within numerous projects.

This chapter presents detailed information about the cooperation of the Parliament with the media, civil society organisations, information on actual visits, organised exhibitions and other events, as well as information on the requests sent to the Parliament in accordance with the Law on Free Access to Information.

5.1. PARLIAMENT AND MEDIA

As envisaged by the Rulebook on Internal Organization and Systematization of the Service of the Parliament, the Department for Public Relations, International Affairs and Protocol of the Parliament of Montenegro is in charge for cooperation with media. The Department also performs activities related to informing the public on the activities of the Parliament, President, Vice Presidents and Secretary General, working bodies and MPs, prepares and issues statements for the public and organizes press conferences, also plans, designs and organizes communication with the public, as well as internal communication, provides professional support for media presentations, produces information and educational materials, issues accreditations to journalists and keeps records of accredited journalists, organizes visits of interested citizens to the Parliament, etc.

During 2009, sessions of the Parliament of Montenegro were broadcasted live on the public broadcasting service Television of Montenegro, and in that way 40 direct television broadcasts lasting 8,083 minutes were achieved, namely 152 minutes on First channel of Television of Montenegro and 7,886 on the Second channel. Radio Crna Gora broadcasts live all sittings of the Parliament of Montenegro.

The Parliament started live TV broadcast of plenary sessions with its own technical and administrative capacities on 3 March 2010. TV signal is made available to interested TV stations and cable operators for distribution, which can be done in two ways: by the Broadcasting Center and in the area next to the Great Hall, by the journalists lounge. In that way 752 hours of broadcast have been produced.

The web presentation of the Parliament of Montenegro (www.skupstina.me) has been significantly enhanced. Since of 17 June 2010, sittings of the Parliament of Montenegro are also broadcasted live over the website. Since the introduction of this service, there were 91,955 live stream visits.

In the reporting period, video archive of the plenary sittings has been built up and the preview of individual voting and graphical representation of the voting can be watched on the monitors in the Great Hall. Meeting rooms have been equipped with video cameras, so the committee meetings can be broadcasted onto the Close-

Circuit Cable Channel. Internet presentation of the Parliament of Montenegro is also supplemented by data on individual MPs' voting results during the last three years, and MPs' questions and answers, posed during Parliament's sittings dedicated to Prime Minister's Hour and Parliamentary Questions, are also available. Children's Parliament gained separate place for placing information from all three sessions. The public may acquire information concerning public procurement.

In this period, Department for Public Relations, International Affairs and Protocol of the Parliament of Montenegro issued a great number of accreditations for journalists and cameramen/photographers. Furthermore, the Service of the Parliament answered regularly to individual questions of journalists regarding parliamentary life.

5.2. FREE ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Free access to information is an important segment of the principle of publicity of work. The Constitution of Montenegro, under its Article 51 stipulates that everyone shall have the right of free access to information, in possession of both the state administration authorities and the organisations exercising public functions. The right may be exercised by submitting a request that shall be responded by decision, conclusion or notification in line with Law on Free Access to Information.

In the reporting period the Parliament of Montenegro has received 433 requests for the free access to information with 1,744 items, i.e. sub-requests. The Parliament of Montenegro responded to all submitted requests, either with a decision (296), notification (66) or conclusion (10).

The requests are either allowed or denied access by Decision. Decision granting the request, or allowing access to required information, shall determine on how the information will be provided. Also, the decision determines the situation when the access to information is partly allowed and partly denied, regarding the same request.

For 217 requests, access to information was allowed in one of the following ways: direct insight, the information transcription or by providing a copy of the information. For 79 requests, the Parliament had denied access to information because it did not possess the requested information.

Notifications were sent to the requestors in cases when the requested information had already been published and available to the public. There were 66 such requests.

The Parliament of Montenegro responded with the Conclusion to 10 requests for free access to information, because it had previously decided on the same request.

Table 10 - Data on the requests for free access to information

	No. of requests (with No. of sub-requests)	No. of decisions allowing access to information	No. of decisions denying access to information	Conclusions	Notifications	Not responded requests
2009	116 (641)	43 ²⁰	9	3	-	-
2010	104 (427)	68	23	4	9	-
2011	162 (529)	75	39	2	46	-
2012 (by 6 November)	51 (147)	31	8	1	11	-
Total	433 (1,744)	217	79	10	66	-

During the reporting period, the major number of requests for the free access to information was submitted by non-governmental organisations. Requests mainly asked access for the information on financial operation, e.g. copies of payrolls for MPs, copies of documents containing information on amounts spent from the Budget of the Parliament of Montenegro for transportation and accommodation; amounts received by every member of the Parliament at the account of foreign and in country travel per diems, public procurements, level of implementation of Action Plan activities, etc.

²⁰ In a few cases with one decision allowing access to information it was decided about more than one request.

5.3. OPEN PARLIAMENT

COOPERATION WITH CIVIL SECTOR

Cooperation between the Parliament of Montenegro and the civil sector has been constantly improving and enhancing, which is best seen through the increased participation of representatives of the civil sector in meetings of working bodies, especially consultative hearings. The emphasis has been placed on the important role of the civil society in contributing to and strengthening of regional cooperation on social and political issues.

It is important to highlight that the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Parliament of Montenegro and the Network of Civil Society Organizations for Democracy and Human Rights was signed on 30 March 2011. Simultaneously with the signing of the Memorandum, a form was posted on the Parliament website that can be filled in by representatives of civil sector, including individuals, who can thus give their opinion and suggestions that are then forwarded to the authority or organizational unit referred to in the completed form. It is also important to stress that the principles of cooperation of the Parliament with other interested NGOs are also defined by the Memorandum. Civil society organizations can also address the working bodies directly.

Center for Democratic Transition (CDT)

The Center for Democratic Transition has been cooperating with the Parliament of Montenegro since July 2001.

The most important segment of joint activities is the realization of the “Open Parliament” project aimed at the increase of transparency of the Parliament’s work as well as the increase of participation of citizens in parliamentary activities. A number of activities have been carried out under the project, such as visits of citizens to the Parliament, publication of the Performance Report for 2008 and 2009, publication of the brochure “How a Bill becomes a Law”, with the financial support of National Democratic Institute (NDI).

Publishing of monthly bulletin “Open Parliament”, in cooperation with the Centre for Democratic Transition (CDT), and supported by the European Commission through the EU Delegation in Podgorica, begun in 2011. Since March 2012, the Service of the Parliament has completely taken over editing, translating and technical design and preparation of the Bulletin. Moreover, the Internship Programme for final year students continued during the 24th Convocation. The Programme was launched in September 2003 in cooperation with CDT and Montenegrin universities and faculties. Within the programme scope, students of all three Universities in Montenegro acquired knowledge and practical experience in the Parliament.

In addition to this, seminars, study visits, and several visits of members of the Montenegrin Association of Political Science Students were organized.

Centre for Children’s Rights of Montenegro

In cooperation with Centre for the Children’s Rights of Montenegro, the Parliament of Montenegro organized sessions of Children’s Parliament on the occasion of 20 November - Day of Adoption of Convention on the Rights of the Child. So far, the Children’s Parliament has brought together children, representatives of primary and secondary schools from all over Montenegro, and sittings were attended by the President and Secretary General of the Parliament, MPs, Government representatives, mayors, representatives of international organizations and others, who also answered children’s questions. Three sessions of the Children’s Parliament were held during the 24th Convocation, the first of which was organized on 20 November 2009. The project objective is to facilitate understanding of democratic values of society for younger population.

Network for Affirmation of the Non-governmental Sector (MANS)

The Parliament of Montenegro and MANS established cooperation in February 2007. MANS publishes periodic reports on activities and transparency of the work of the Parliament, containing information on MPs work as well as work of political parties by committees and at plenary sittings. Since 2009, MANS has conducted additional monitoring project related to the realization of the Parliament’s Budget. MANS also presents initiatives on regular basis to committees of the Parliament, proposing concrete activities to be carried out to improve oversight of the executive branch.

Center for Development of Non-Governmental Organizations (CRNVO)

In cooperation with the Center for Development of Non-Governmental Organizations (CRNVO), the Parliament of Montenegro implemented the project “Improvement of Cooperation between Civil Society and the Parliament of Montenegro” in 2010, supported by USAID/ORT. The project aimed at strengthening the organizational and techni-

cal capacity of civil society organizations and the Parliament of Montenegro for mutual cooperation, and focused on its main activity of creating a database of NGOs, trade unions and individuals. This database was installed on the computers of the Parliament staff, who regularly use it to invite civil sector representatives to attend committee meetings. Within the project “Improvement of Cooperation between Civil Society and the Parliament of Montenegro”, co-financed by the European Union, and managed by the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro, seminars and conferences were organized, and the Working Group for drafting of the Agreement on cooperation between the Parliament and civil society organizations engaged in democratization and protection of human and minority rights was set up in 2010.

Network of Civil Society Organizations for Democracy and Human Rights

The Parliament of Montenegro and Network of Civil Society Organizations for Democracy and Human Rights signed Memorandum of Cooperation on 30 March 2011, and simultaneously with its signing, the Form for Opinion of civil society representatives was posted on the Parliament website. The opinions, proposals and suggestions submitted by NGOs are then forwarded to the authority or organizational unit referred to in the completed form. The Memorandum also laid down the principles of cooperation of the Parliament with other interested NGOs. Civil society organizations can also address the working bodies directly.

European Movement in Montenegro

The Parliament of Montenegro successfully cooperates with the NGO European Movement in Montenegro. As part of the project “Parliament for Europe” trainings for the parliamentary staff, particularly for the trainees, were organized on topics related to monitoring of harmonization of national legislation with the law of the European Union, by using the experience and practices of other EU candidate countries and EU Member States.

The project “National Convention on European Integration of Montenegro” has been organized in cooperation with the NGO European Movement in Montenegro, Slovak Foreign Policy Association, the Parliament of Montenegro and Government of Montenegro, with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovakia and SLOVAKAID. The aim of the project is to establish a permanent, stable and coherent framework for thematically structured debate forum focused on relations of the European Union and Montenegro. One of the goals of the project is institutionalizing of public debate between civil and public sectors on issues of European integration. Within the project, in the Parliament of Montenegro, three conferences of the National Convention on European integration of Montenegro were held.

The Association of Parents of Children and Youth with Disabilities “Naša Inicijativa” (“Our Initiative”)

The Parliament of Montenegro has been cooperating with the Associations of Parents of Children and Young with Disabilities “Naša inicijativa” since the beginning of 2010. This cooperation is mainly achieved with the committees of the Parliament whose members meet with the representatives of the Association to improve the position of children and youth with disabilities, and propose measures for improving their educational system. Cooperation with the Union is realized through visits of Committees’ delegations to institutions engaged in solving problems of children and youth with disabilities.

Forum MNE (Forum Young People and Informal Education)

Implementation of the “Democracy workshops” project, intended for primary school children, financially supported by ERSTE foundation and with technical and professional implementation of NGO Forum MNE (Forum of Young People and Informal Education), started in 2012. The aim of the project is to stimulate interest in young people for politics and democratic processes. The project is designed as a program of civic education for primary school students in order to learn about parliamentary democracy, operation of parliament, adoption and implementation of laws as well as the role of media in pluralistic society. The “Democracy workshops” are organized in the Parliament of Montenegro within the “Open Parliament” program with the aim of its further expansion and enhancement and with the focus on strengthening bonds between the parliament and young people, in particular primary school students.

Institute Alternativa

In late 2011, the Committee on International Relations and European Integration, in cooperation with NGO Institute Alternativa, organized roundtable on topic: “The Parliament of Montenegro in the Process of European Integration – Active Participant or Observer”, to present capacities and competences of this working body with regard to the forthcoming Parliament’s commitments in the negotiating process for the EU membership. Members of the Committee for International Relations and European Integration and representatives of the civil society participated in the round table discussions.

VISITS, EXIBITIONS AND OTHER EVENTS

Within the “Open Parliament” program, the Parliament of Montenegro organizes individual and collective visits to the Parliament, primarily aimed at presenting the work of the Parliament and its working bodies, its role and procedures. Also, numerous exhibitions were organized, as well as presentations, sessions of the Children’s Parliament, and other similar events.

In the reporting period, participants of Forum MNE school paid a visit to the Parliament of Montenegro, as well as students of the Gymnasium “Slobodan Škerović” from Podgorica, students of Summer school organized jointly by Bureau for Education Services and Center for Immigrants, participants of the regional project “Ladies Diary of Change” several groups of representatives of Montenegrin Association of Political Science Students, participants of the seminar for journalists, parliamentary reporters, organized as part of the programme of cooperation with the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD), best students of the Faculty of Political Science, majoring in politicology, best students of the Faculty of Law, best students of the Faculty of Law of the University “Donja Gorica”, students of High School of Economics “Mirko Vešović” from Podgorica, students of Elementary School “Veljko Drobniaković” from Risan, high school students and faculty students who spent an academic year in the United States, within SMYLE and Global Install program and others.



Participants of the regional project “Ladies Diary of Change” paid a visit to the Parliament

Numerous exhibitions were organized, such as: exhibition of children’s paintings titled “Stop Violence against Women” – Kindergarten “Pčelica” and the Centre for Education and Vocational Training “1. jun” from Podgorica, exhibition of best paintings of primary and secondary schools on the topic: ‘Peter I - Legislator and Reformer’, the exhibition “Montenegrin State and Dynastic Coats of Arms through the Ages“, by Dragan Krivokapić, exhibition “Mass graves in Bosnia”, photo exhibition “Our Rights” by Ms. Elizabeth Ohlson Wallin, in cooperation with the Youth Initiative for Human Rights and international organization Civil Rights Defenders on the occasion of Human Rights Day, exhibition of political cartoons by Darko Drljević, winner of prestigious international awards for cartoons and comics, exhibition of the traditional female Roma clothing on occasion of forthcoming International Roma Day, 8 April and exhibition “Restoration of the Montenegrin kingdom and the jubilee ceremony 1910”, by Srđ Pejovića.



Exhibition of children’s paintings of students of the Centre for Education and Vocational Training “1. jun”

CHILDREN'S PARLIAMENT

On the occasion of 20 November, the Day of Adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Parliament of Montenegro, in cooperation with the Children's Rights Centre of Montenegro has been organising sessions of the Children's Parliament. The first session of the Children's Parliament was held on 20 November 2009, and during 24th Convocation of the Parliament three sessions were held, when elementary and high school students of Montenegro participated, while the President and Vice Presidents of the Parliament, representatives of MPs groups and representatives of the Government of Montenegro answered the questions of young parliamentarians.



Third session of Children's Parliament



DEMOCRACY WORKSHOPS

Under the programme "Open Parliament", the Parliament of Montenegro organises the project "Democracy Workshops", aimed at stimulating interest among youth in politics and democratic processes. It is designed as a programme of civic education for elementary school children which provides knowledge on parliamentary democracy, functioning of the Parliament, adoption and implementation of laws, as well as the role of media in pluralistic society.

Through various interactive features and in a manner adapted to their age, with assistance of selected and trained trainers, children and young adults between the age of eight and fourteen/fifteen learn through play how democracy works. During workshops, the children incorporate their acquired knowledge and experience into a newspaper, radio or movie feature, which is later published on children's website. Apart from learning basic principles of democracy and acquiring knowledge on parliamentary processes, the goal of this programme is to explain the other two prerequisites for political participation – media purview and the will to express opinion.

Within preparations for this project, two test workshops were organised in May 2012 in the elementary school "Sutjeska". The pilot project has begun on 8 October 2012. In the period from the beginning of the pilot project until the end of the 24th Convocation, a total of 577 children attended these workshops. This project is financially supported by the ERSTE foundation, with technical and professional realisation by NGO Forum MNE (Forum young people and informal education).

VI PROFESSIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

In order to provide better support to MPs in performing their legislative and oversight function, during the 24th Convocation, special attention was paid to strengthening administrative capacities of the Parliament. In mid-2010, the new Rulebook on Organisation and Systematisation of the Parliamentary Service was adopted, by which new organisational units were established: Section for Recording and Broadcasting of the Parliament Sessions, Human Resources Management Bureau, Internal Audit Department and Public Procurement Bureau. Furthermore, the Human Resources Development Strategy with Strategic plan for the period from January 2011 until January 2014 and Training Plan were adopted.

A number of novelties were introduced in the Parliamentary Service, especially in the part of monitoring of harmonization of Montenegrin legislation with the legislation of EU, and a great deal of attention was paid to professional development of the Parliament Service through various types of trainings.

6.1. HUMAN RESOURCES

Under the new Rulebook on Organisation and Systematisation of the Parliamentary Service (SU-KGS No 101, 9 July 2010), the Human Resources Management Bureau was established, and more extensive activities were undertaken in this area, aimed at contributing to efficiency of performance of the Parliament of Montenegro. In the area of human resources development of the Parliament of Montenegro, apart from preparation and adoption of the new Rulebook on Organisation and Systematisation of the Parliamentary Service, some additional activities were carried out, such as: detailed SWOT analysis of the Parliamentary Service, drafting of the three-year Human Resources Development Strategy, Strategic and Training Plan. The Strategy sets out the vision and mission, principles and values and strategic goals of human resources development, with indicators and activities, while the Training Plan identifies needs for trainings.

In the previous period the work on the plan for strengthening administrative capacities was intensified by drafting of the following materials: “Good Practice for Human Resources “ and “Management Development Programme (Managing Affairs in the Parliament)“, “Book for New Employees“, “Book of Knowledge, Skills and Behaviour“. Apart from these documents, making of strategic documents for internal and external communication is in progress.

In the beginning of 2011, adoption of a three-year Human Resources Development Strategy with Strategic plan for the period January 2011 - January 2014 and Training Plan as well as the preparation of Guidelines for Human Resources and Management Development Programme in the Parliament Service, has represented continuation of intense activities in the context of strengthening administrative capacity. Vision and mission, principles and values and strategic goals of human resources development, with indicators and activities are determined by the Strategy, while the Training Plan has identified needs for trainings, including making of monthly operational training plans, which would enable strategic planning of human resources development in the Parliament of Montenegro.

6.1.1 ORGANISATIONAL UNITS

By the Rulebook on Organisation and Systematisation of the Parliament of Montenegro (SU-KGS No. 101, 9 July 2010), the following organisational units of the Parliamentary Service were established:

1. Cabinet of the President of the Parliament,
2. Secretary General's Office,
3. Sector for Support to Legislative and Scrutiny Functions of the Parliament,
4. Sector for Research, Documentation and IT Network,
5. Department for Public Relations, International Affairs and Protocol,
6. Internal Audit Department and
7. Service for Corporate Affairs.

Under the Sector for Support to Legislative and Scrutiny Functions of the Parliament, 11 Committees, one Commission and National Council for European Integration were systematised.

Sector for Research, Documentation and IT Network consists of the following:

1. Section for Research, Analysis, Library and Documentation,
2. IT Section,
3. Section for Recording and Broadcasting of the Parliament Sessions and
4. Section for Audio and Written Records.

Service for Corporate Affairs consists of the following organisational units:

1. Human Resources Management Bureau,
2. Financial Affairs Bureau,
3. Public Procurement Bureau and
4. Registry Office.

6.1.2 NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

During the reporting period, there was a significant increase in the number of employees in the Parliamentary Service. There were 154 jobs systematised by the new Rulebook on Organisation and Systematisation of the Parliamentary Service, and as of 1 November 2012 the Parliamentary Service employs 139²¹ staff.

Table 11 – Number of employees in the Parliamentary Service

Date	Total number of employees ²²	Number of state employees	Number of civil servants
31 December 2009	87	31	48
1 November 2012	139	64	49

²¹ Including 26 trainees.

²² Data on the number of employees also includes the number of trainees, eight of them on 31st December 2009 and 26 on 1st November 2012.

6.1.3 TRAININGS

Human Resources Management Bureau has continuously kept a record of all trainings and attendees. During the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro, the employees of the Parliamentary Service attended a total of 292 trainings.

The employees attended trainings organised by the Human Resources Administration, both trainings from their regular Curriculum and trainings organised outside the training implementation programme. Also, they attended a large number of trainings organised through cooperation programmes of the Parliament of Montenegro with international organisations and NGOs in the context of increasing administrative capacities of the Parliamentary Service, in order for them to respond to challenges set out before the Parliament of Montenegro.

Topics that were most present were knowledge and skills necessary for the work in the state authorities (Human Resources Administration) as well as trainings and specialisations in the field of legislative and scrutiny role of the Parliament, on European integration, trainings on management skills, various experiences of the parliaments in the region etc.

6.1.4 AWARDS TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE PARLIAMENT

The practice of presenting awards to the best civil servants and state employees of the Parliament was continued during the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro.

At the award ceremonies, the President of the Parliament of Montenegro, presented the annual awards for the best employees to Ms. Nađa Vukićević, Secretary of the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget (2009), Ms. Snežana Grupković, Secretary of the Gender Equality Committee (2010) and Ms. Snežana Kaluđerović, Secretary of the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee and Ms. Slava Burić, Secretary of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms (2011).

Annual award for the best civil servants was presented to the Accounting Service of the Parliament of Montenegro: Ms. Vjera Prelević, Ms. Mirjana Marković, Ms. Marija Vulić and Ms. Olja Knežević (2009), Ms. Vera Mirković, Archivist in the Section for Research, Analysis, Library and Documentation (2010) and Mr. Dražen Malović, Head of the Human Resources Management Bureau of the Parliament of Montenegro.

Appropriate gifts were also presented to the employees who retired: Ms. Biserka Mijušković, Ms. Vesna Radunović, Mr. Stanko Vujović and Ms. Milina Dapčević (2009), Ms. Dragica Čulmović, Mr. Branko Adžić and Senada Šabović (2010) and Ms. Slavica Zečević, Mr. Miodrag Milošević, Mr. Slavko Brajušković and Mr. Dragan Perović (2011).



Presentation of annual awards to the best employees of the Parliament



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During the state of emergency in Montenegro, declared on 11 February, 2012, due to major natural disasters, when in the midst of snowfall the building of the Parliament was threatened, the employees of the Parliament of Montenegro cleared the snow from the glass roof above the Plenary Hall and around the Parliament building. Both the President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Mr. Ranko Krivokapić and MPs participated in the snow cleaning action.



President, MPs and employees of the Parliament in the snow cleaning action during state of emergency



6.2. LIBRARY AND RESEARCH

During the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro, there had been a significant step forward regarding the reorganisation and administrative capacity strengthening of this segment of the Parliamentary Service. The focus has been placed on development of research activities and, for the first time, internal documents defining the rules of operation of this section of Parliamentary Service were prepared and adopted.

The new Rulebook on Organisation and Systematisation of the Parliamentary Service, under the newly formed Sector for Research, Documentation and IT Network, as a larger organisational unit of the Parliamentary Service, envisages formation of the Section for research, analysis, library and documentation in place of Research and Library Bureau, as defined by the previous Rulebook.

According to the Rulebook, there are four different activities that are performed within the Section: research, library, documentation and archive activity, having in common the task of gathering different information, processing them and providing them for further use.

As part of the *Twinning* programme, during 2009 and 2010, in cooperation with the expert team from the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia, the following internal documents were drafted and then adopted in the beginning of 2011: *Rules on producing research papers, together with the Request From and Rules of Procedure of the Section for Research, Analysis, Library and Documentation*.

Parliamentary research services promote the process of passing acts in legislative institutions. Research activities include searching through literature and gathering data on given topics while using all information sources and preparing various information. In the period from the end of 2010 until the end of 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro, there had been a total of sixteen research papers done on various topics, such as: parliamentary autonomy, role of the parliament in the negotiation process with the EU, working bodies of the parliament, parliamentary questions, internal and external communication, parliamentary hearings, concessions – subject and revenues, property and spatial contents of the Parliament etc. Research papers are also available on the website of the Parliament of Montenegro²³.

During the 24th Convocation, the Parliament of Montenegro established a regular cooperation with the European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation (ECPRD), which represents a significant step towards modernisation of work of this segment of the Parliamentary Service, as well as provides access to another rich source of information. As of June 2011, the Parliamentary Service regularly responds to all requests it gets from other network members of ECPRD. By the end of 24th Convocation, it prepared and sent out 110 responses to ECPRD requests in short information form, and it sent out six requests for information to other members.

Also, as of 5th May 2010, Section for Research, Analysis, Library and Documentation started preparing “Daily news from the EU institutions”, which were distributed via e-mail to all MPs, MP groups and all employees in the Parliamentary Service. As of January 2011, after a survey and analysis of users’ information needs, the “Daily news from the EU institutions” was replaced with a weekly bulletin “News from the EU institutions” which is delivered to all users every Friday in the same manner. By creating new digital information products and services, a significant amount of useful information is being accumulated.

Parliamentary libraries have a significant role in providing support to the legislative process, because the key to democracy is effective legislation and, due to that, it is necessary to get and use information from various sources, in order to make independent decisions.

During 2009 and 2010, in the Library of the Parliament of Montenegro there had been intensified activities regarding renewal of outdated book fund, modernisation of work through use of new technologies and other activities from the library line of work, as well as specialisation of employees through participation in numerous seminars, workshops and congresses, held both locally and abroad.

As for procurement of books and other information sources, OSCE Mission in Montenegro funded purchase of 231 books from various areas of social sciences, in total value of 4391.64 €, without VAT, and the Parliament of Montenegro funded purchase of 27 new book titles (50 library units), published by the Historical Institute, in total value of 920.70 €. During the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro, there were 299 books donated to the library, mostly from the Cabinet of the President of the Parliament of Montenegro, donated by

²³http://www.skupstina.me/index.php?strana=fiksna&id=5112&menu_id=6.4

foreign parliaments and by individuals.

As of 2010, the Parliament of Montenegro was given access to EBSCO database, which represents an electronic information source of great significance for modernisation of work of the library and the research centre.

Additionally, the tasks of collecting, processing, storing and lending for use of the acts that are created during regular activities in the parliament are performed in the Section. Documentation, which the Section started to receive (one copy of each document) as of 2 July 2010, consists of the following: proposed laws, reports of working bodies of the Parliament of Montenegro, amendments to proposed laws, opinions, conclusions, forms on harmonisation of certain legal provisions of Montenegro with legal provisions of the EU, letter of convening for the sittings of the Parliament etc.

6.3. DOCUMENTATION MANAGEMENT

During the 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro, a great deal of attention was paid to establishment of a more efficient documentation management system as a whole, and especially regarding parliamentary acts, in order to provide better assistance to MPs in the legislative process. The new Rules on Office Operations in the Parliament had been adopted, enabling more efficient documentation management and reduction in the number of registry books, thoroughly defining reception of mail and enabling keeping records and archiving of documents in accordance with their contents, instead by session during which they were in procedure, as it was previously done. Also, a new content-oriented Classification Plan was adopted, which had been formally in effect as of 1 January 2011. The Plan enables a clear classification of all documents received by the Registry Office, for their further efficient archiving and usage.

As of the beginning of 2011, the Parliamentary Service began with the application of registers of the Records of Parliamentary Acts (EPA), and, accordingly, any act that is received at the Registry Office of the Parliament is assigned the EPA reference code. The code consists of a combination of Arabic and Roman numerals. The Arabic numeral represents the ordinal number of the parliamentary act that is received at the Registry Office in the course of one Parliamentary Convocation, while the Roman numeral represents the number of Convocation. There had been a total of 957 parliamentary acts registered at the Registry Office.

The Parliament of Montenegro, under the license received from the relevant Publications Office of the European Union for translation and use of Eurovoc Thesaurus, translated descriptors into Montenegrin language. Eurovoc is a multidisciplinary, multi-language glossary covering all of the EU activities, especially the European Parliament, and contains terms in 22 languages of the EU Member States, as well as both Croatian and Serbian. Using the same descriptors for the laws and acts adopted by the Parliament of Montenegro will offer the possibility of easier comparison with the relevant EU and other countries' regulations, which can be especially important in the process of harmonisation with the EU legislation and in the accession negotiations.

6.4. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

A significant progress was achieved in the area of information technology in the reporting period. By implementing the project "Procurement and installation of equipment for the Great Hall of the Parliament of Montenegro in Podgorica", in 2010, the Parliament's plenary hall was equipped with modern audio-video equipment, which significantly contributed to improvement of transparency of work of this institution (independent TV broadcasts, totally public voting through graphic representation, availability of list of votes, and the like). Thanks to the modern equipment, the Parliament of Montenegro began direct TV broadcasts of the Parliament's sessions, on 3 March 2010, using its own capacities. The Parliament's TV signal, through the Radio-Broadcasting Centre of Montenegro, is available to all interested TV stations which have technical capabilities for taking it over, while the other TV stations are allowed to record (take over) material from the journalists' lounge. As of 17 June 2010, sittings of the Parliament of Montenegro may be followed live via the Internet, through *live-streaming* webpage.

Apart from regular activities on maintaining the existing information and communication system of the Parliament, IT Section continued with its development and promotion in the report period. By fully employing modern information and communication equipment, the security of information system had been raised at a level



that meets all standards and criteria in this field. Additionally, the whole building of the Parliament is covered by a quality Wi-Fi signal. Also, *SMS Broadcast service* – a notification service via text messages, was started, completely replacing the telegram notification system. In this manner, apart from a faster dissemination of information to MPs and employees, there have been significant financial savings.

IT Section coordinated activities of working group composed of staff of the Parliament who worked on drafting of Initial project task for the development of information system to support the legislative process. By drafting this project task, the existing information system and the legislative process have been described in detail, so the conditions for more quality design of tender and project documentation and announcement of tender have been created.

The activities on preparation of the project for introduction of the electronic parliament and new online portal of the Parliament of Montenegro had been carried out, and with the aim of implementing e-parliament the activities for adaptation of the room for the needs of server room and acquisition of the aggregate and UPS power supply for the building of the Parliament of Montenegro had been started. In the reporting period, there had been activities on preparation of technical documents for the needs of equipping the Parliament's rooms and master editing room for the needs of the Parliamentary channel.

VII FINANCES

The budget of Montenegro allocated funds to the Parliament of Montenegro in the amount of: 5,069,511.62€ for 2009; 4,944,331.21€ for 2010; 5,444,530.08€ for 2011 and 6,116,150.67€ for 2012.

In the reporting period, the total amount spent is as follows: 3,425,541.81€ in 2009 (from 23rd April until the end of year), which represents 67.57% of the operating budget for 2009; 4,866,707.86€ in 2010, or 98.43% of the operating budget; 5,403,840.04€ in 2011, or 97.90% of planned funds and 4,775,714.98€ in 2012 (until 1st November), which represents 78.08% of the operating budget for 2012.

Table 12 – The operating budget and funds spent in 24th Convocation of the Parliament of Montenegro (annual review)

	OPERATING BUDGET	FUNDS SPENT
2009 (from 23rd April)	5,069,511.62€	3,425,541.81€ (67.57%)
2010	4,944,331.21€	4,866,707.86€ (98.43%)
2011	5,444,530.08€	5,403,840.04€ (97.90%)
2012 (until 1st November)	6,116,150.67€	4,775,714.98€ (78.08%)

The following table presents all of the funds allocated in the budget and funds spent in the period from April 2009 to November 2012, according to programmes and budgetary positions.

Tabela 13 – Detaljan pregled sredstava predviđenih budžetom i potrošenih sredstava u 24. sazivu Skupštine

	EXPENDITURES	OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2009	SPENT FROM 23.04. UNTIL 31.12.2009	OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2010	SPENT UNTIL 31.12.2010
20101	The Parliament of Montenegro	5,069,511.62 €	3,425,541.81 €	4,944,331.21 €	4,866,707.86 €
2941	Program: Improvement of the legislative infrastructure	2,985,280.66 €	2,077,287.60 €	2,984,618.76 €	2,944,937.40 €
411	Gross salaries and employer contributions	2,005,928.30 €	1,503,068.28 €	1,893,757.47 €	1,893,243.25 €
4111	Net wages		1,042,563.37 €	1,129,437.89 €	1,129,020.51 €
4112	Income tax		121,418.27 €	154,470.07 €	154,385.32 €
4113	Employee contributions		150,230.89 €	411,032.64 €	411,032.64 €
4114	Employer contributions		165,588.39 €	175,648.55 €	175,648.35 €
4115	Municipal dues		23,267.36 €	23,168.32 €	23,156.43 €
412	Other personal income	236,923.38 €	187,164.77 €	251,034.10 €	251,017.49 €
4121	Luncheon compensation		5,073.50 €	14,016.17 €	13,999.56 €



4122	Vacation compensation		9,240.00 €	6,301.27 €	6,301.27 €
4124	Rent compensation		330.00 €	0.00 €	0.00 €
4127	Severance pay		330.00 €	0.00 €	0.00 €
4128	Compensation to MPs		168,341.27 €	230,716.66 €	230,716.66 €
4129	Other compensations and aids		3,850.00 €	0.00 €	0.00 €
413	Material and services expenses	742,428.98 €	387,054.55 €	800,963.55 €	788,909.93 €
4131	Material expenses		608.50 €	0.00 €	0.00 €
4132	Business trips expenses		280,214.24 €	550,677.42 €	550,141.95 €
4133	Expense account		40,541.75 €	48,387.30 €	45,581.97 €
4134	Energy expenses		18,598.73 €	26,500.00 €	26,500.00 €
4135	Telephone services expenses		41,095.07 €	71,000.00 €	62,671.04 €
4137	Banking services		448.21 €	0.00 €	0.00 €
4139	Contracted services		5,548.05 €	104,398.83 €	104,014.97 €
441	Capital expenditures	0.00 €	0.00 €	38,863.64 €	11,766.73 €
4415	Equipment expenses			38,863.64 €	11,766.73 €
2951	Program: Administration	2,084,230.96 €	1,348,254.21 €	1,959,712.45 €	1,921,770.46 €
411	Gross wages and employer contributions	767,121.97 €	560,497.95 €	784,637.08 €	782,619.97 €
4111	Net wages		372,702.76 €	491,104.62 €	489,092.90 €
4112	Income tax		45,328.74 €	59,299.90 €	59,295.35 €
4113	Employee contributions		64,421.66 €	158,128.32 €	158,128.32 €
4114	Employer contributions		69,637.85 €	67,209.84 €	67,209.83 €
4115	Municipal dues		8,406.94 €	8,894.40 €	8,893.57 €
412	Other personal income	43,367.51 €	35,368.50 €	29,733.43 €	29,733.40 €
4121	Luncheon compensation		15,733.50 €	16,184.63 €	16,184.63 €
4122	Vacation compensation		15,825.00 €	10,502.21 €	10,502.21 €
4127	Rent compensation		2,310.00 €	0.00 €	0.00 €
4129	Severance pay		1,500.00 €	3,046.59 €	3,046.56 €
413	Material and services expenses	951,741.48 €	526,799.89 €	907,078.79 €	892,112.46 €
4131	Material expenses		100,670.66 €	187,770.70 €	177,176.21 €
4132	Business trips expenses		6,490.34 €	48,991.98 €	48,991.98 €
4133	Expense account		4,630.57 €	12,096.77 €	12,095.77 €
4134	Energy expenses		9,447.84 €	10,896.77 €	9,778.87 €
4135	Telephone services expenses		77,242.57 €	89,000.00 €	86,216.97 €
4136	Postal services expenses		8,518.69 €	18,516.12 €	18,498.30 €
4137	Banking services and commission		119.58 €	2,024.19 €	1,983.74 €
4139	Contracted services		319,679.64 €	537,782.26 €	537,370.62 €
414	Running costs	75,000.00 €	47,322.11 €	45,000.00 €	34,431.58 €
4142	Running costs of buildings maintenance		8,546.51 €	22,500.00 €	12,357.22 €



4143	Running costs of equipment maintenance		38,775.60 €	22,500.00 €	22,074.36 €
416	Rent	60,000.00 €	45,299.50 €	53,937.75 €	53,937.75 €
4161	Building lease		43,652.15 €	53,937.75 €	53,937.75 €
4162	Equipment lease		1,647.35 €	0.00 €	0.00 €
431	Transfers to individuals, institutions...	30,000.00 €	28,900.00 €	76,830.00 €	76,830.00 €
431	Transfers to individuals and institutions		28,900.00 €	76,830.00 €	76,830.00 €
441	Capital expenditures	157,000.00 €	104,066.26 €	62,495.40 €	52,105.30 €
4412	Local infrastructure expenses		6,198.45 €	0.00 €	0.00 €
4415	Equipment expenses		95,439.56 €	50,159.04 €	50,159.03 €
4416	Investment maintenance expenses	5,069,511.62 €	3,425,541.81 €	4,944,331.21 €	4,866,707.86 €

	EXPENDITURES	OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2011	SPENT UNTIL 31.12.2011	OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2012	SPENT UNTIL 01.11.2012
20101	The Parliament of Montenegro	5,444,530.08 €	5,403,840.04 €	6,116,150.67 €	4,775,714.98 €
2941	Program: Improvement of the legislative infrastructure	3,165,587.25 €	3,146,361.73 €	3,221,731.59 €	2,708,454.45 €
411	Gross salaries and employer contributions	1,851,185.01 €	1,836,745.17 €	2,014,660.79 €	1,713,123.57 €
4111	Net wages	1,116,220.83 €	1,104,539.85 €	1,209,751.08 €	1,030,796.56 €
4112	Income tax	148,866.68 €	148,371.17 €	162,503.83 €	138,465.45 €
4113	Employee contributions	397,657.82 €	395,656.36 €	419,930.55 €	369,241.42 €
4114	Employer contributions	166,183.56 €	165,921.76 €	197,751.01 €	153,850.30 €
4115	Municipal dues	22,256.12 €	22,256.03 €	24,724.32 €	20,769.84 €
412	Other personal income	349,155.24 €	347,643.48 €	341,720.80 €	299,783.99 €
4121	Luncheon compensation	760.24 €	0.00 €	–	–
4122	Vacation compensation	746.21 €	0.00 €	–	–
4124	Rent compensation	4,268.79 €	4,267.52 €	4,720.80 €	3,555.20 €
4127	Severance pay	0.00 €	0.00 €	2,000.00 €	1,161.60 €
4128	Compensation to MPs	330,060.00 €	330,059.96 €	330,000.00 €	290,662.43 €
4129	Other compensations and aids	13,320.00 €	13,316.00 €	5,000.00 €	4,404.76 €
413	Material and services expenses	918,267.00 €	916,696.42 €	855,350.00 €	695,546.89 €
4131	Material expenses	–	–	–	–
4132	Business trips expenses	724,627.00 €	723,949.16 €	612,000.00 €	489,005.86 €
4133	Expense account	58,000.00 €	57,148.37 €	43,350.00 €	37,791.66 €
4134	Energy expenses	28,540.00 €	28,530.77 €	30,000.00 €	30,000.00 €
4135	Telephone services expenses	62,100.00 €	62,096.71 €	70,000.00 €	57,049.29 €



4137	Banking services	–	–	–	–
4139	Contracted services	45,000.00 €	44,971.41 €	100,000.00 €	81,700.08 €
441	Capital expenditures	46,980.00 €	45,276.66 €	10,000.00 €	0.00 €
4415	Equipment expenses	46,980.00 €	45,276.66 €	10,000.00 €	–
2951	Program: Administration	2,278,942.83 €	2,257,478.31 €	2,894,419.08 €	2,067,260.53 €
411	Gross wages and employer contributions	1,032,099.20 €	1,031,659.95 €	1,597,069.08 €	1,177,195.31 €
4111	Net wages	620,433.11 €	620,433.10 €	960,631.88 €	708,323.86 €
4112	Income tax	83,341.86 €	83,341.85 €	129,039.01 €	95,148.49 €
4113	Employee contributions	222,246.54 €	222,246.54 €	344,106.26 €	253,729.04 €
4114	Employer contributions	93,575.75 €	93,136.52 €	143,935.80 €	105,721.25 €
4115	Municipal dues	12,501.94 €	12,501.94 €	19,356.13 €	14,272.67 €
412	Other personal income	52,741.20 €	49,998.74 €	15,000.00 €	8,975.00 €
4121	Luncheon compensation	1,773.89 €	0.00 €	–	–
4122	Vacation compensation	967.31 €	0.00 €	–	–
4127	Rent compensation	0.00 €	0.00 €	–	–
4129	Other compensations and aids	50,000.00 €	49,998.74 €	15,000.00 €	8,975.00 €
413	Material and services expenses	1,020,265.32 €	1,007,020.99 €	1,034,350.00 €	795,103.96 €
4131	Material expenses	143,000.00 €	130,618.21 €	145,000.00 €	87,859.30 €
4132	Business trips expenses	45,000.00 €	44,963.21 €	38,800.00 €	32,316.98 €
4133	Expense account	18,000.00 €	17,513.14 €	14,550.00 €	12,234.60 €
4134	Energy expenses	11,320.00 €	11,316.19 €	9,000.00 €	8,494.09 €
4135	Telephone services expenses	90,000.00 €	89,999.96 €	90,000.00 €	72,788.64 €
4136	Postal services expenses	10,280.00 €	9,962.00 €	15,000.00 €	1,967.32 €
4137	Banking services and commission	200.00 €	183.86 €	2,000.00 €	21.68 €
4139	Contracted services	702,465.32 €	702,464.42 €	720,000.00 €	579,421.35 €
414	Running costs of maintenance	39,000.00 €	34,038.67 €	37,000.00 €	21,294.32 €
4142	Running costs of buildings maintenance	4,000.00 €	2,154.53 €	7,000.00 €	1,931.23 €
4143	Running costs of equipment maintenance	35,000.00 €	31,884.14 €	30,000.00 €	19,363.09 €
416	Rent	60,900.00 €	60,822.90 €	137,000.00 €	47,716.17 €
4161	Building lease	58,210.00 €	58,203.00 €	130,000.00 €	43,652.25 €
4162	Equipment lease	2,690.00 €	2,619.90 €	7,000.00 €	4,063.92 €



431	Transfers to individuals, institutions...	0.00 €	0.00 €	0.00 €	0.00 €
431	Transfers to individuals and institutions	–	–	–	
441	Capital expenditures	73,937.11 €	73,937.06 €	74,000.00 €	16,975.77 €
4412	Local infrastructure expenses	0.00 €	0.00 €	0.00 €	0.00 €
4415	Equipment expenses	73,937.10 €	73,937.06 €	70,000.00 €	16,975.77 €
4416	Investment maintenance expenses	0.01 €	0.00 €	4,000.00 €	0.00 €

VIII APPENDICES

APPENDIX I: LIST OF ADOPTED LAWS

FIRST ORDINARY (SPRING) SESSION IN 2009 OF 24TH CONVOCATION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

Third Sitting of the First Ordinary Session

1. Criminal Procedure Code (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 57/09*);
2. Law on Cooperation with the International Criminal Court (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 53/09*);
3. Law on Conditions and Procedure for Termination of Pregnancy (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 53/09*);
4. Law on National Parks (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 56/09*);
5. Law on Sea Fishing and Mariculture (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 56/09*);
6. Law on Agriculture and Rural Development (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 56/09*);
7. Law on Conducting Agricultural Census 2009 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 54/09*);
8. Law on Craftsmanship (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 54/09*);
9. Law on Accreditation (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 54/09*);
10. Law on Contracts on Transportation in Road Traffic (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 53/09*);
11. Law on Ionising Radiation Protection and Radiation Safety (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 56/09*);
12. Law on Amendments to the Law on Budget (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 53/09*);
13. Law on Amendments to the Law on Medical Devices (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 53/09*);
14. Law on Amendments to the Law on Railways (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 54/09*);
15. Law on Amendments to the Law on Roads (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 54/09*);
16. Law on Amendments to the Law on Integrated Prevention and Control of Environmental Pollution (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 54/09*);
17. Law on Ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, with Optional Protocol (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 2/09*);
18. Law on Ratification of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 3/09*);
19. Law on Ratification of the Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 3/09*);
20. Law on Amendments to the Law on Ratification of Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 2/09*);
21. Law on Ratification of Multilateral agreement among the countries of South-Eastern Europe for implementation of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 2/09*);
22. Law on Ratification of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 2/09*);
23. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Strategic Co-operation between Montenegro and the European Police Office (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 2/09*);
24. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Privileges and Immunity of the CEFTA Secretariat between the Kingdom of Belgium and Republic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Croatia, FYROM, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Republic of Serbia and Temporary Administrative UN Mission in Kosovo on behalf of Kosovo in accordance with the Resolution of the UN Security Council number 1244 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 2/09*);

25. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of Republic of Moldova on Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 2/09*);
26. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and Malta on the Avoidance of Double Taxation with respect to Taxes on Income (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 2/09*);
27. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Economic Cooperation between Montenegro and the Republic of Hungary (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 2/09*);
28. Law on Ratification of the Free Trade Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Turkey (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 3/09*);
29. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Promotion and Mutual Protection of Investments between Montenegro and the Republic of Finland (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 2/09*);
30. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Promotion and Mutual Protection of Investments between Montenegro and the Kingdom of Denmark (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 2/09*);
31. Law on Ratification of Agreement on Promotion and Mutual Protection of Investments between Montenegro and the Government of Qatar (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 2/09*);
32. Law on Ratification of Agreement on Economic, Commercial and Technical Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of Qatar (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 2/09*).

Fifth Sitting of the First Regular Session in 2009

33. Law on Amendments to the Law on Budget of Montenegro for 2009 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 51/09*);
34. Law on Amendments to the Law on Excise Tax (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 50/09*).

SECOND ORDINARY (AUTUMN) SESSION IN 2009 OF 24TH CONVOCAATION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

First Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session in 2009

35. Law on Ratification of the Convention on Cybercrime (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 4/09*);
36. Law on Ratification of the Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime concerning the criminalisation of acts of a racist and xenophobic nature committed through computer systems (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 4/09*);
37. Law on Ratification of the Convention on Cluster Munitions (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 4/09*);
38. Law on Ratification of the Agreement Establishing the Regional School of Public Administration (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 4/09*);
39. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Serbia on Border Control in Railway Traffic (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 4/09*);
40. Law on Ratification of the Agreement among the State Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty and other States participating in the Partnership for Peace regarding the Status of their Forces and Additional Protocol to the Agreement among the States Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty and other States participants in the Partnership for Peace regarding the status of their forces (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 4/09*);
41. Law on Ratification of the Convention on Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 4/09*);
42. Law on Amendments to the Law on Personal Data Protection (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 70/09*).

Second Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session in 2009

43. Law on Amendments to the Law on Electronic Communications (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 70/09*);
44. Law on Ratification of the Protocol of 3 June 1999 for the Modification of the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF) of 9 May 1980 (Protocol from 1999) and Convention on International Carriage by Rail (COTIF) of 9 May 1980 in the version based on the Protocol for the Modification of 3 June 1999 (*Official Gazette*



of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 4/09);

45. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the European Patent Organisation on Extension of European patents (Extension Agreement) (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 5/09);*
46. Law on Ratification of the Treaty between Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia on Legal Assistance in Civil and Criminal Matters (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 4/09);*
47. Law on Ratification of the Treaty between Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia on Mutual Execution of Judicial Decisions in Criminal Matters (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 4/09);*
48. Law on Ratification of the Treaty between Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia on Extradition (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 4/09);*
49. Law on State Aid Control (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 74/09);*
50. Law on Infertility Treatment with Assisted Reproductive Technologies (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 74/09);*
51. Law on Taking and Transplantation of Human Body Parts for Treatment Purposes (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 76/09);*
52. Law on Mobility of Persons with Disabilities with the Aid of Guide Dogs (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 76/09);*
53. Law on Border Control (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 72/09);*
54. Law on Amendments to the Law on Foreigners (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 72/09);*
55. Law on Amendments to the Law on Inspection Supervision (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 76/09);*
56. Law on Amendments to the Law on Data Secrecy (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 76/09);*
57. Law on Amendments to the Law on Wages and other Earnings of State and Public Officials (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 76/09);*
58. Law on the Final Account of the Budget of Montenegro for 2008 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 75/09).*

Third Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session in 2009

59. Constitutional Law on Amendments to the Constitutional Law for Implementation of the Constitution of Montenegro (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 71/09).*

Fifth Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session in 2009

60. Law on Ratification of the European Convention on the Compensation of Victims of Violent Crimes (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 6/09);*
61. Law on Ratification of the European Convention on the International Validity of Criminal Judgements (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 6/09);*
62. Law on Ratification of the Revised European Social Charter (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 6/09);*
63. Law on Ratification of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being with regard to the Application of Biology and Medicine and Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine with the Additional Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being with regard to the Application of Biology and Medicine on the Prohibition of Cloning of Human Beings and Additional Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Dignity of the Human Being with regard to the Application of Biology and Medicine concerning Transplantation of Organs and Tissues of Human Origin (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 7/09);*
64. Law on Ratification of the Additional Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data regarding supervisory authorities and transborder data flows (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 6/09);*
65. Law on Default Interest Rate (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 83/09);*
66. Law on Alcoholic Beverages (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 83/09);*
67. Law on Control of manufacture and trade of substances which can be used in manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 83/09);*
68. Law repealing the Law on Agency of Montenegro for Economic Restructuring and Foreign Investments (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 83/09).*

Sixth Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session in 2009

69. Law on Budget of Montenegro for 2010 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 87/09*);
70. Law on Amendments to the Law on Personal Income Tax (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 86/09*);
71. Law on Amendments to the Law on Corporate Profit Tax (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 86/09*);
72. Law on Amendments to the Law on Tax on Use of Passenger Motor Vehicles, Vessels, Airplanes and Aircrafts (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 86/09*);
73. Law on Amendments to the Law on Mandatory Social Security Contributions (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 86/09*);
74. Law on Wages of Civil Servants and State Employees (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 86/09*);
75. Law on Amendments to the Law on Civil Servants and State Employees (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 86/09*);
76. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Macedonia on Protection and Rescue Cooperation in case of Natural and Other Disasters (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 7/09*);

Eighth sitting of the Second Ordinary Session in 2009

77. Law on the Armed Forces of Montenegro (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 88/09*);
78. Law on Amendments to the Law on Defence (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 88/09*);
79. Law on Amendments to the Law on the Police (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 88/09*);
80. Law on Amendments to the Law on Local Self-Government (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 88/09*);
81. Law on the Labour Fund (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 88/09*);
82. Law on Investment and Development Fund of Montenegro (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 88/09*).

FIRST ORDINARY (SPRING) SESSION IN 2010 OF THE 24TH CONVOCATION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

First Sitting of the First Ordinary Session

83. Law on Amendments to the Law on Conducting of the Agricultural Census of 2009 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 14/10*);
84. Law on Ratification of the European Convention on Nationality (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 2/10*);
85. Law on Ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on the Avoidance of Statelessness in relation to State Succession (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 2/10*);
86. Law on Ratification of the Protocol on Amendments to the European Convention on Suppression of Terrorism (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 2/10*);
87. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina on the Return and Readmission of Persons whose Entry or Stay is Illegal (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 2/10*);
88. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Republic of Croatia on Return and Readmission of Persons whose Entry or Stay is Illegal (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 2/10*);
89. Law on Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding on the Institutional Framework of the Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative for South Eastern Europe (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 2/10*);
90. Law on Ratification Protocol revising certain parts of the Regional Agreement for the European Broadcasting Area (Stockholm, 1961) with Resolutions (RRC-06 –Rev. ST61) (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 2/10*);
91. Law on Ratification of Final Acts of the Regional Radiocommunication Conference for planning of the digital terrestrial broadcasting service in parts of Regions 1 and 3, in the frequency bands 174-230 MHz and 470-862 MHz (RRC-06) (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 3/10*);
92. Law on Ratification of Amendments to the Article XII (s) (II) of the Agreement relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (ITSO) (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International*



Treaties No 2/10);

93. Law on Ratification of Amendments to the Convention on the International Mobile Satellite Organization (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 3/10*);
94. Law on Ratification of Final Acts of Regional Administrative Conference for planning of Maritime Mobile Service and Aeronautical Radionavigation Service in the medium frequencies (MF) band (Region 1) (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 3/10*);
95. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 2/10*);
96. Law on Ratification of International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 3/10*);
97. Law on Ratification of the *Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management* and on the *Safety of Radioactive Waste Management* (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 3/10*).

Second Sitting of the First Ordinary Session

98. Law on Employment and Exercising Rights with respect to Unemployment Insurance (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 14/10*);
99. Law on Sanitary Inspection (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 14/10*);
100. Law on Taking and Using Biological Samples (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 14/10*);
101. Law on Information Security (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 14/10*);
102. Law on Amendments to the Law on Health Care (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 14/10*);
103. Law on Amendments and Supplements to the Law on Protection of Population against Communicable Diseases (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 14/10*).

Fourth Sitting of the First Ordinary Session

104. Law on Amendments to the Law on Pension and Disability Insurance (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 14/10*);

Fifth Sitting of the First Ordinary Session

105. Law on Amendments to the Criminal Code (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 25/10*);
106. Law on Genetic Data Protection (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 25/10*);
107. Law on Energy (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 28/10*);
108. Law on Energy Efficiency (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 29/10*);
109. Law on Health Care of Patients (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 25/10*);
110. Law on Air Protection (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 25/10*);
111. Law on Hydrometeorological Services (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 26/10*);
112. Law on Hydrographic Activities (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 26/10*);
113. Law on Flammable Liquids and Gases (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 26/10*);
114. Law on Volunteer Work (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 26/10*);
115. Law on Trade Union Representation (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 26/10*);
116. Law on Amendments to the Law on Safety at Work (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 26/10*);
117. Law on Amendments to the Law on Protection of Persons and Property (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 26/10*);
118. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on the Establishment of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) (April 2009) (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 5/10*);
119. Law on Ratification of the Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunications Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 5/10*);
120. Law on Ratification of Instruments Amending the Constitution of the International Telecommunications Union (Geneva 1992) and Convention of the International Telecommunications Union (Geneva 1992), as amended by the Plenipotentiary Conferences (Kyoto, 1994; Minneapolis, 1998; Marrakesh, 2002) and adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006). (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 5/10*);
121. Law on Ratification of the Convention for the establishment of the European Communications Office (ECO) (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 5/10*);

122. Law on Ratification of Final Acts of the Regional Administrative Conference for the Planning of the VHF sound broadcasting (Region 1 and part of Region 3), Geneva, 1984 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 5/10*);
123. Law on Ratification of the Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 6/10*).

Sixth Sitting of the First Ordinary Session

124. Constitutional Law on Amendments to the Constitutional Law on Implementation of the Constitution of Montenegro (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 22/10*).

Eight Sitting of the First Ordinary Session

125. Law on Rights of Patients (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 40/10*);
126. Law on Amendment to the Law on Medications (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 34/10*);
127. Law on Improvement of Business Environment (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 40/10*);
128. Law on the Control of Precious Metals Articles (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 40/10*);
129. Law on the Exploration and Production of Hydrocarbons (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 41/10*);
130. Law on Contracts of Railway Transport (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 41/10*);
131. Law on Census of Population, Households and Dwellings in 2011 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 41/10*);
132. Law on Amendments to the Law on Montenegrin Citizenship (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 40/10*);
133. Law on Amendments to the Law on Civil Registers (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 41/10*);
134. Law on Amendments to the Law on Registers of Permanent and Habitual Residence (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 41/10*);
135. Law on Amendments to the Law on Central Population Register (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 41/10*);
136. Law on Amendments to the Law on Electronic Signature (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 41/10*);
137. Law on Amendments to the Law on Electronic Commerce (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 41/10*);
138. Law on Amendments to the Law on Data Secrecy (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 41/10*);
139. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Economic Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Serbia (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 8/10*);
140. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia on Mutual Promotion and Protection of Investments (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 8/10*);
141. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Economic Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Turkey (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 9/10*);
142. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Italy on the Construction of an Underwater Energy Interconnection between the Transmission Networks of Montenegro and the Republic of Italy with implementation of strategic partnership of Transmission System Operators (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 8/10*);
143. Law on Ratification of the Universal Postal Convention with the Final Protocol, Bucharest 2004 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 8/10*);
144. Law on Ratification of General Regulations of the Universal Postal Union, Bucharest 2004 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 8/10*);
145. Law on Ratification of the Seventh Additional Protocol to the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union, Bucharest 2004 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 8/10*);
146. Law on Ratification of the Final Acts of the Regional Administrative Conference for the planning of the Maritime Mobile and Aeronautical Radio navigation Service (radio beacons) in the European Maritime Area (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 8/10*);
147. Law on Ratification of the European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Cooperation between Territorial Communities or Authorities, Additional Protocol to the European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Cooperation between Territorial Communities or Authorities and Protocol number 2 to the European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Cooperation between Territorial Communities or Authorities (*Official Gazette of the Republic of*



Montenegro – International Treaties No 9/10);

148. Law on Ratification of the Additional Protocol to the European Charter of Local Self-Government on the right to participate in the affairs of a local authority (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 8/10);*
149. Law on Ratification of the European Convention on the Exercise of Children's Rights (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 8/10);*
150. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania on Reconstruction, Repair and Maintenance of Pyramids, Inter-Pyramids and Other Border Marks along the Montenegrin-Albanian Border (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 8/10).*

Tenth Sitting of the First Ordinary Session

151. Law on Financial Stability Council (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 44/10);*
152. Law on Deposit Protection (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 44/10);*
153. Law on Central Bank of Montenegro (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 40/10);*
154. Law on Amendments to the Law on Banks (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 44/10);*
155. Law on Amendments to the Law on Bankruptcy and Liquidation of Banks (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 44/10);*
156. Law on Protection of Cultural Properties (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 49/10);*
157. Law on Archive Activity (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 49/10);*
158. Law on Museum Activity (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 49/10);*
159. Law on Library Activity (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 49/10);*
160. Law on Electronic Media (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 46/10);*
161. Law on Amendments to the Law on Electronic Communication (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 49/10);*
162. Law on Foreign Affairs (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 46/10);*
163. Law on Prohibition of Discrimination (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 46/10);*
164. Law on Protection Against Domestic Violence (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 46/10);*
165. Law on Amnesty of Persons Convicted for Criminal Offences Prescribed by the Laws of Montenegro and Persons Convicted by Foreign Criminal Verdict that shall be Executed in Montenegro (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 45/10);*
166. Law on Amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 49/10);*
167. Law on Amendments to the Law on General Law on Education (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 45/10);*
168. Law on Amendments to the Law on Higher Education (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 45/10);*
169. Law on Amendments to the Law on Primary Education (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 45/10);*
170. Law on Amendments to the Law on Vocational Education (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 45/10);*
171. Law on Amendments to the Law on Grammar School (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 45/10);*
172. Law on Amendments to the Law on Education of Children with Special Needs (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 45/10);*
173. Law on Amendments to the Law on Budget (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 49/10);*
174. Law on Amendments to the Law on Civil Servants and State Employees (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 49/10);*
175. Law on Amendments to the Law on Financing of Political Parties (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 49/10).*

SECOND ORDINARY (AUTUMN) SESSION IN 2010 OF 24TH CONVOCAATION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

First Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session

176. Law on Tourism (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 61/10);*
177. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia on Protection and Rescue Cooperation in cases of Natural and Other Disasters (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 11/10).*

Second Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session

178. Law on Ratification of the European Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 11/10*);
179. Law on Ratification Convention of Council of Europe on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 12/10*);
180. Law on Livestock Breeding (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 72/10*);
181. Law on Housing Cooperatives (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 73/10*);
182. Law on Trademarks (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 72/10*);
183. Law on Amendments to the Law on the Capital (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 72/10*);
184. Law on Amendments to the Law on Identity Card (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 73/10*);
185. Law on Amendments to the Law on Professional Rehabilitation and Employment of Persons with Disabilities (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 73/10*);
186. Law on Amendments to the Laws and other Regulations regarding the Constitutional Changes in the Name of the State (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 73/10*);
187. Law on Amendments to the Law on Identification and Registration of Animals (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 73/10*);
188. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of Republic of Kosovo on Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 14/10*).

Fifth Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session

189. Law on Final Account of the Budget of Montenegro for 2009 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 74/10*);
190. Law on Amendments to the Law on Minority Rights and Freedoms (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 2/11*);
191. Law on Forestry (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 74/10*);
192. Law on Protection of Topographies of Semiconductor Products (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 75/10*);
193. Law on the Use and Protection of the Mark and Name of the Red Cross (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 75/10*);
194. Law on Working Hours and Breaks during the Working Hours of Mobile Workers and Equipment for the Recording in Road Transport (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 75/10*);
195. Law on Amendments to the Law on Census of Population, Households and Dwellings in 2011 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 75/10*);
196. Law on Amendments to the Law on Transport in Road Traffic (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 75/10*);
197. Law on Amendments to the Law on State Awards (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 75/10*);
198. Law on Amendments to the Law on Theatre Activities (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 75/10*);
199. Law on Amendments to the Law on the Armed Forces of Montenegro (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 75/10*);
200. Law on Amendments to the Law on the Local Self-Government Financing (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 74/10*);
201. Law on Amendments to the Law on Property Tax (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 75/10*);
202. Law on Amendments to the Law on Consolidated Registration and Reporting on Billing and Collection of Taxes and Contributions (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 75/10*);
203. Law on Ratification of the Treaty between Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina on Legal Aid in Civil and Criminal Matters (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 15/10*);
204. Law on Ratification of the Treaty between Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina on Mutual Execution of Court Rulings in Criminal Matters (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 15/10*);
205. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Kingdom of Belgium on Social Security (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 15/10*);
206. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Austria on Social Security with Administrative Agreement on Enforcement of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Austria on Social Security (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 15/10*);
207. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Hellenic Republic on Cooperation regarding Protection from Natural and Induced Disasters (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 15/10*).



Seventh Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session

208. Law on the Budget of Montenegro for 2011 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 78/10*);
209. Law on Scientific Research Activity (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 80/10*);
210. Law on Misdemeanours (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 1/11*);
211. Law on Bankruptcy (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 1/11*);
212. Law on Legal Protection of Industrial Design (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 80/10*);
213. Law on Housing and Residential Buildings Maintenance (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 4/11*);
214. Law on Ratification of the Convention of the International Labour Organization No. 183 on Maternity Protection (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 1/11*);
215. Law on Ratification of the Treaty between Montenegro and the Republic of Croatia on Extradition (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 1/11*);
216. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania on Return and Readmission of Persons whose Entry or Stay is Illegal (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 1/11*);
217. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 16/10*);
218. Law on Ratification of the Universal Postal Convention and Final Protocol to the Universal Postal Convention, Geneva 2008 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 16/10*);
219. Law on Ratification of the Eighth Additional Protocol to the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union, Geneva 2008 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 16/10*);
220. Law on Ratification of the First Additional Protocol with the General Rulebook of the Universal Postal Union, Geneva 2008 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 16/10*);
221. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Postal Financial Services, Geneva 2008 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 16/10*);
222. Law on Ratification of the Amendment to the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR) (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 16/10*);
223. Law on Amendments to the Law on Ratification of the Multilateral Agreement between the European Community and its Member States: the Republic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Republic of Iceland, Montenegro, the Kingdom of Norway, Romania, the Republic of Serbia and the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo on the Establishment of European Common Aviation Area (ECAA Agreement) (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 1/11*);
224. Law on Ratification Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 16/10*);
225. Law on Ratification of the Protocol on the Amendments to the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 16/10*);
226. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on the Conservation of Bats in Europe (EUROBATS) (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 16/10*);
227. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 1/11*);
228. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the International Atomic Energy Agency on the Implementation of Safeguards in Connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the Additional Protocol to the Agreement between Montenegro and the International Atomic Energy Agency on the Implementation of Safeguards in Connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and Protocol to the Agreement between Montenegro and the International Agency for Atomic Energy on the Implementation of Safeguards in Connection with the Constitution of the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 16/10*);
229. Law on Parliamentary Oversight of Defence and Security Sector (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 80/10*);
230. Law on the National Framework of Qualifications (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 80/10*);
231. Law on Amendments to the Law on Preschool Education (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 80/10*);
232. Law on Amendments to the Law on Pension and Disability Insurance (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 78/10*);
233. Law on Amendments to the Law on Compensation of Pension and Disability Insurance (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 78/10*);
234. Law on Amendments to the Law on Contributions for the Compulsory Social Insurance (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 78/10*);
235. Law on Amendments to the Law on Excise Tax (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 78/10*).

Ninth Sitting of the Second Ordinary Session

236. Constitutional Law on Amendments to the Constitutional Law for the Implementation of the Constitution of Montenegro (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 80/10*).

FIRST ORDINARY (SPRING) SESSION IN 2011 OF THE 24TH CONVOCAATION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

First Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session

237. Law on Foreign Investments (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 18/11*);
238. Law on Ratification of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 3/11*);
239. Law on Ratification of the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 3/11*).

Second Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session

240. Law on Obligations and Grounds for Property Relations in Air Traffic (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 18/11*);
241. Law on Classification of Activities (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 18/11*);
242. Law on Takeover of Stock Companies (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 18/11*);
243. Law on the Designations of Origin, Geographical Indications and Indications for Traditionally Guaranteed Specialties of Agricultural and Food Products (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 18/11*);
244. Law on Recognition of Foreign Qualifications for Regulated Profession (18/11);
245. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Croatia on the Protection of Rights of Montenegrin Minority in the Republic of Croatia and Protection of Croatian Minority in Montenegro (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 5/11*).

Fourth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session

246. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia on Amendments to the Extradition Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 4/11*);
247. Law on Amendments to the Law on Social Council (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 20/11*);
248. Law on Amendments to the Law on Administrative Fees (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 20/11*);
249. Law on Amendments to the Law on the Internal Financial Control System in Public Sector (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 20/11*);
250. Law on Amendments to the Law on Tax Administration (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 20/11*);
251. Law on Adult Education (20/11);
252. Law on the Protection of Sea against Pollution from Vessels (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 20/11*);
253. Law on Amendments to the Law on Weapons (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 20/11*);
254. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Economic Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Macedonia (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 5/11*);
255. Law on ratification of the Agreement on Economic Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 5/11*);
256. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Czech Republic on the Amendments to the Agreement between the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Government of the Czech Republic on the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 5/11*);
257. Law on Amendments to the Law on National Security Agency (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 20/11*);
258. Law on Free Legal Aid (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 20/11*);
259. Law on Regional Development (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 20/11*).



Fifth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session

260. Law on Amendments to the Law on the Budget of Montenegro for 2011 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 28/11*);
261. Law on Protection against Noise in the Environment (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 28/11*);
262. Law on Amendments to the Law on Health Protection of Plants (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 28/11*);
263. Law on Amendments to the Law on Geological Surveys (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 28/11*);
264. Law on the Prevention of Drug Abuse (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 28/11*);
265. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Macedonia on the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 7/11*);
266. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of Malta on the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 7/11*);
267. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on the Fight against Illegal Trafficking in Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Organised Crime and International Terrorism between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of Malta (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 7/11*);
268. Law on Ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 7/11*);
269. Law on Ratification of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 7/11*);
270. Law on Ratification of the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships from 2001 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 7/11*);
271. Law on Ratification of the 2003 Protocol to the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for the Compensation of Oil Pollution Damage from 1992 (CLC 92) (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 7/11*);
272. Law on Ratification of the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage from 1992 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 7/11*);
273. Law on Ratification of the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage from 1992 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 7/11*);
274. Law on Ratification of the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, 1996 (HNS 96) (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 7/11*);
275. Law on Ratification of the Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 7/11*);
276. Law on Ratification of the Convention on Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 7/11*);
277. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Turkey on the Exchange of Land Plots for their Respective Diplomatic Missions (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 6/11*).

Seventh Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session

278. Law on Amendments to the Law on Agricultural Land (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 32/11*);
279. Law on Amendments to the Law on Waters (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 32/11*);
280. Law on Amendments to the Law on Electronic Communications (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 32/11*);
281. Law on Amendments to the Law on Accounting and Auditing (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 32/11*);
282. Law on Amendments to the Law on State Survey and Cadastre of Real Estate (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 32/11*);
283. Law on Amendments to the Criminal Code (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 32/11*);
284. Law on Amendments to the Law on Enforcement of Criminal Sanctions (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 32/11*);
285. Law on Amendments to the Law on Administrative Dispute (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 32/11*);
286. Law on Amendments to the Law on Limiting the Use of Tobacco Products (*Official Gazette of the Republic of*

Montenegro No 32/11);

287. Law on Amendments to the Law on General Administrative Procedure (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 32/11);*
288. Law on Amendments to the Law on Protection and Rescue (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 32/11);*
289. Law on Amendments to the Law on Foreigners (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 32/11);*
290. Law on Amendments to the Law on Employment and Labour of Foreigners (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 32/11);*
291. Law on Ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Forced Disappearances (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 8/11);*
292. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Serbia on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 8/11);*
293. Law on Ratification of the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage from 2001 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 8/11);*
294. Law on Ratification of the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 8/11);*
295. Law on Ratification of the Vienna Agreement establishing an International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 8/11);*
296. Law on Ratification of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground Level Ozone to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 8/11);*
297. Law on Ratification of the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 8/11);*
298. Law on Ratification of the Protocol on Heavy Metals to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 8/11);*
299. Law on Amendments to the Law on Spatial Planning and Construction (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 34/11);*
300. Law on Amendments to the Law on Pension and Disability Insurance (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 34/11).*

Eighth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session

301. Constitutional Law on Amendments to the Constitutional Law for Implementation of the Constitution of Montenegro (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 27/11);*
302. Law on Amendments to the Law on Montenegrin Citizenship (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 28/11);*
303. Law on Amendments to the Law on Personal ID (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 28/11).*

Ninth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session

304. Law on Ratification of Amendment 6 to the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles engaged in International Road Transport (AETR) (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 9/11);*
305. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Border Crossings for International Traffic between the Government of Montenegro and Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina (9/11 - MU);
306. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Border Crossing for Border Traffic between the Government of Montenegro and Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 9/11);*
307. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Serbia on Cooperation in Protection from Natural and Other Disasters (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 9/11);*
308. Law on ratification of the Agreement on Police Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Kingdom of Belgium (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 9/11);*
309. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Social Security between Montenegro and the Republic of Macedonia with Administrative Agreement for the Implementation of Agreement on Social Security between Montenegro and the Republic of Macedonia (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 9/11);*
310. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Social Security between Montenegro and the Swiss Confederation with the Administrative Agreement for the Implementation of the Agreement on Social Security between Montenegro



- and the Swiss Confederation (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 9/11*);
311. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and Ireland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Income Tax Evasion (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 9/11*);
312. Law on Digital Broadcasting (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 34/11*).

Tenth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session

313. Law on the Status of Descendants of the Dynasty Petrovic Njegoš (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 36/11*);
314. Law on Enforcement and Security of Claims (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 36/11*);
315. Law on Copyright and Related Rights (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 37/11*);
316. Law on Sports (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 36/11*);
317. Law on Amendments to the Law on Business Companies (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 36/11*);
318. Law on Amendments to the Law on Roads (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 36/11*).

Eleventh Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session

319. Law on Non-Governmental Organisations (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 39/11*);
320. Law on DNA Registry (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 39/11*);
321. Law on Civil Servants and State Employees (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 39/11*);
322. Law on Prohibition of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 39/11*);
323. Law on Amendments to the Law on Vocational Rehabilitation and Employments of Persons with Disabilities (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 39/11*);
324. Law on Amendments to the Law on Courts (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 39/11*);
325. Law on Amendments to the Law on Judicial Council (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 39/11*);
326. Law on Amendments to the Law on State Prosecutor's Office (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 39/11*);
327. Law on Amendments to the Law on Misdemeanours (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 39/11*);
328. Law on Amendments to the Laws Prescribing Fines for Misdemeanours (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 40/11*);
329. Law on Amendments to the Law on Salaries of Civil Servants and State Employees (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 39/11*);
330. Law on Amendments to the Law on State Administration (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 42/11*);
331. Law on Amendments to the Law on the Prevention of Conflict of Interest (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 41/11*);
332. Law on the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 42/11*);
333. Law on Financing Political Parties (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 42/11*);
334. Law on Public Procurement (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 42/11*).

Thirteenth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session

335. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Economic and Industrial Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Czech Republic (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 11/11*);
336. Constitutional Law on Amendments to the Constitutional Law for Implementation of the Constitution of Montenegro (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 38/11*);

SITTING OF THE FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION IN 2011

337. Law on Amendments to the General Law on Education (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 45/11*).

SITTING OF THE SECOND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION IN 2011

- 338. Law on Amendments to the Law on Montenegrin Citizenship (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 46/11*);
- 339. Law on Amendments to the Law on the Election of Councillors and MPs (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 46/11*).

SITTING OF THE THIRD EXTRAORDINARY SESSION IN 2011

- 340. Law on Amendments to the Law on Higher Education (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 47/11*).

SECOND ORDINARY (AUTUMN) SESSION IN 2011 OF 24TH CONVOCATION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

Second Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session

- 341. Law on Ratification of the Consular Convention between Montenegro and the Republic of Bulgaria (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 14/11*);
- 342. Law on Ratification of Convention on the Establishment of the Centre for Law Enforcement in South Eastern Europe (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 14/11*);
- 343. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Swiss Confederation on the Readmission (return and acceptance) of Persons without a Residence Permit with the Protocol on the Implementation of the Agreement (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 14/11*);
- 344. Law on Ratification of Amended Protocol II on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the use of mines, booby traps and other resources of the United Nations Convention on the prohibition of certain types of conventional weapons (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 14/11*);
- 345. Law on Ratification of the European Convention for the Protection of Archaeological Heritage (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 14/11*);
- 346. Law on Ratification of the European Convention for the Protection of Audio-visual Heritage (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 14/11*);
- 347. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Slovenia on Social Security with Administrative Agreement on Implementation of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Slovenia on Social Security (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 14/11*);
- 348. Law on Ratification of the Strasbourg Agreement Concerning the International Patent Classification (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 14/11*);
- 349. Law on Ratification of the Patent Law Treaty (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 14/11*);
- 350. Law on Ratification of the Additional Protocol with the Agreement on Amendment and Accession to the Central European Free Trade Agreement (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 14/11*);
- 351. Law on Market Inspection (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 53/11*);
- 352. Law on Technical Requirements for Products and Compatibility Assessment (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 53/11*);
- 353. Law on Rafting (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 53/11*);
- 354. Law on Investment Funds (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 54/11*);
- 355. Law on Amendments to the Law on Peaceful Resolution of Labour Disputes (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 53/11*);
- 356. Law on Amendments to the Law on Mountain Trails (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 53/11*);
- 357. Law on Amendments to the Law on Optical Disks (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 53/11*);
- 358. Law on Amendments to the Law on Foreigners (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 53/11*);
- 359. Law on Territorial Organisation of Montenegro (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 54/11*);
- 360. Law on Lobbying (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 54/11*).

Fifth Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session

- 361. Law on Amendments to the Law on Electronic Media (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 53/11*);
- 362. Law on Medicines (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 56/11*);
- 363. Law on Postal Services (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 57/11*);



- 364. Law on Recognition of Foreign Educational Documents and Equalisation of Qualifications (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 57/11*);
- 365. Law on Amendments to the Law on Control of State Aid (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 57/11*);
- 366. Law on Amendments to the Law on Inspection (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 57/11*);
- 367. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Republic of Kosovo on Readmission (return and acceptance) of Persons without a Residence Permit, with the Protocol the Implementation of the Agreement (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 15/11*).

Sixth Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session

- 368. Law on the Final Account of the Budget of Montenegro for 2010 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 59/11*);
- 369. Law on Amendments to the Law on Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 59/11*);
- 370. Law on Ratification of the Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 16/11*);
- 371. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia on the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Income Taxes (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 16/11*);
- 372. Law on Ratification of Convention on Compensation for Damage Caused by Aircraft to Third Parties (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 16/11*);
- 373. Law on Ratification of the Convention on Compensation to Third Parties for Damage Resulting from the Unlawful Interference with the Participation of the Aircraft (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 16/11*);
- 374. Law on Amendments to the Labour Law (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 59/11*);
- 375. Law on Amendments the Law on Salaries of Civil Servants and State Employees (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 59/11*);
- 376. Law on Amendments to the Law on Political Parties (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 59/11*).

Seventh Sitting of the Second Ordinary (Autumn) Session

- 377. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Croatia on Mutual Execution of Court Decisions in Criminal Matters (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 17/11*);
- 378. Law on Ratification of the Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Cooperation in Respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the protection of children (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 17/11*);
- 379. Law on Ratification of the Convention on the Protection of Children and Cooperation in the field of International Adoption (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 17/11*);
- 380. Law on Ratification of the Protocol of 1988 to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea of 1974 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 17/11*);
- 381. Law on Ratification of the Protocol of 1988 to the International Convention on Load Lines of 1966 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 17/11*);
- 382. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and the European Union on Establishing a Framework for the Participation of Montenegro in the European Union Operations in Crisis Management (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 17/11*);
- 383. Law on Waste Management (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 64/11*);
- 384. Law on Amendments to the Law on Detective Activity (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 61/11*);
- 385. Law on Amendments to the Law on Planting Material (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 61/11*);
- 386. Law on Amendments to the Law on Seeds of Agricultural Plants (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 61/11*);
- 387. Law on Amendments to the Law on Excise Tax (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 61/11*);
- 388. Law on Treatment of Juveniles in Criminal Proceedings (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 64/11*);
- 389. Law on Public Enforcement Officers (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 61/11*);
- 390. Law on Public Peace and Order (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 64/11*);
- 391. Law on Amendments to the Law on Financing of Political Parties (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 1/12*);
- 392. Law on Budget of Montenegro for 2012 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 66/11*);

SITTING OF THE SECOND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION IN 2012

- 393. Law on Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 14/12*);
- 394. Law on Earnings of Civil Servants and State Employees (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 14/12*);
- 395. Law on Amendments to the Law on Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 14/12*);
- 396. Law on Amendments to the Law on Corporate Profit Tax (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 14/12*);
- 397. Law on Amendments to the Law on Personal Income Tax (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 14/12*);
- 398. Law on Amendments to the Law on Contribution to Mandatory Social Security (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 14/12*);
- 399. Law on Amendments to the Law on Defence (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 14/12*);
- 400. Law on Amendments to the Law on Volunteer Work (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 14/12*);
- 401. Law on the Audit of Funds of the European Union (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 14/12*);
- 402. Law on Ratification of the Free Trade Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of Ukraine;
- 403. Law on Ratification of the Protocol on the Accession of Montenegro to the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 3/12*);
- 404. Law on Amendments to the Law on Health Insurance (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 14/12*);

FIRST ORDINARY (SPRING) SESSION IN 2012 OF THE 24TH CONVOCAION OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

Third Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session

- 405. Law on Chemicals (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 14/12*);
- 406. Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistics System (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 18/12*);
- 407. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Economic Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia;
- 408. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro, on one hand, and the Belgium – Luxembourg Economic Union, on the other hand, on the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 4/12*);
- 409. Law on Ratification of the Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning Biomedical Research (CETS No. 195) (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 4/12*);
- 410. Law on Ratification of the Additional Protocol to the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine concerning Genetic Testing for Health Purposes (CETS No. 203) (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 4/12*);
- 411. Law on Ratification of the International Convention on Salvage, 1989 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 4/12*);

Fourth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session

- 412. Law on Air Transport (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 30/12*);
- 413. Law on Prohibition of Harassment at Work (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 30/12*);
- 414. Law on Publishing Activity (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 30/12*);
- 415. Law on Veterinary Services (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 30/12*);
- 416. Law on Control of Export of Dual-Use Goods (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 30/12*);
- 417. Law on Amendments to the Law on Internal Financial Control System in the Public Sector (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 30/12*);
- 418. Law on Amendments to the Law on Protection of Population against Communicable Diseases (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 30/12*);
- 419. Law on Amendments to the Law on Mediation (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 29/12*);
- 420. Law on Amendments to the Law on Criminal Liability of Legal Entities (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 30/12*);
- 421. Law on Amendments to the Law on Hydrometeorological Services (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 30/12*);
- 422. Law on Amendments to the Law on Hydrographic Activities (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 30/12*);



- 423. Law on Ratification of the Regional Convention on Pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules on the origin of goods (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 7/12*);
- 424. Law on Ratification of the Basic Agreement between Montenegro and the Holy See (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 7/12*).

Sixth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session

- 425. Law on Amendments to the Law on Budget of Montenegro for 2012 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 29/12*);
- 426. Law on Amendments to the Law on Excise Tax (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 28/12*);
- 427. Law on Customs Tariff (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 28/12*);
- 428. Law on Amendments to the Law on Tax Administration (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 28/12*);
- 429. Law on Fees for Access to Certain Services of Common Interest and for Use of Tobacco Products and Electro-Acoustic and Acoustic Devices (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 28/12*);
- 430. Law on Amendments to the Law on National Payment System (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 31/12*);
- 431. Law on Amendments to the Law on Custody on Temporarily or Permanently Seized Assets (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 31/12*);
- 432. Law on Amendments to the Law on Digital Broadcasting (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 31/12*);
- 433. Law on Pardon (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 31/12*);
- 434. Law on Amnesty for the Persons Convicted of Criminal Offences of Insult and Defamation (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 31/12*);
- 435. Law on Amendments to the Law on Judicial Council (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 31/12*);
- 436. Law on Ratification of the Free Trade Agreement between Montenegro and EFTA States (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 8/12*).

Seventh Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session

- 437. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Economic Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the United Arab Emirates (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 9/12*);
- 438. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Economic Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 9/12*);
- 439. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the Mutual Promotion and Protection of Investments (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 9/12*);
- 440. Law on Ratification of the Agreement on Economic and Trade Cooperation between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Abruzzo Region (Republic of Italy) (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 9/12*);
- 441. Law on Ratification of the Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks of June 15th 1957, as revised in Stockholm on July 14th 1967, and in Geneva on May 13th 1977, and amended on September 28th 1979 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 9/12*);
- 442. Law on Ratification of Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Macedonia on Extradition (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 9/12*);
- 443. Law on Ratification of Protocol amending the Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 9/12*);
- 444. Law on Ratification of the Convention relating to International Exhibitions signed in Paris on 22nd November 1928, and supplemented by the Protocols of 10th May 1948, 16th November 1966, 30th November 1972 and Amendments of 24th June 1982 and 31st May 1988 (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 9/12*);
- 445. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of the Republic of Macedonia on the Readmission (return and acceptance) of Persons without a Residence Permit with the Protocol on the Implementation of the Agreement (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 9/12*);
- 446. Law on Ratification of Statutes of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, with Protocols and Amendments (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International Treaties No 9/12*);
- 447. Law on Ratification of the Agreement between Montenegro and United Arab Emirates on Avoidance of Double Taxation with Regard to Taxes on Income and Capital (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro – International*

Treaties No 9/12);

- 448. Law on Road Traffic Safety (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 33/12*);
- 449. Law on Amendments to the Law on Culture (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 38/12*);
- 450. Law on Amendments to the Law on Road Transport (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 38/12*);
- 451. Law on Vocational Training of Persons with Acquired Higher Education (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 38/12*);
- 452. Law on Amendments to the Law on Local Self-Government (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 38/12*);
- 453. Law on Parliamentary Investigation (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 38/12*);
- 454. Law on Amendments to the Law on Data Secrecy (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 38/12*).

Eighth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session

- 455. Law on Financial Collateral Arrangements (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 44/12*);
- 456. Law on Protection of Competition (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 44/12*);
- 457. Law on Free Access to Information (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 44/12*);
- 458. Law on Amendments to the Law on Data Secrecy (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 44/12*);
- 459. Law on Amendments to the Law on Personal Data Protection (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 44/12*);
- 460. Law on Amendments to the Trademark Law (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 44/12*);
- 461. Law on Internal Affairs (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 44/12*);
- 462. Law on Mandatory Transport Insurance (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 44/12*);
- 463. Law on Amendments to the Law on Insurance (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 45/12*);
- 464. Law on Amendments to the Law on Public Broadcasting Services of Montenegro (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 45/12*).

Tenth Sitting of the First Ordinary (Spring) Session

- 465. Law on Amendments to the Law on Employment and Exercising Rights with respect to Unemployment Insurance (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 45/12*).

SITTING OF THE EIGHTH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION IN 2012

- 466. Law on Amendments to the Law on Identification Card (*Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro No 50/12*).



APPENDIX II: LIST OF CONTROL AND CONSULTATIVE HEARINGS²⁴

CONTROL HEARINGS

Committee on Political System, Justice and Administration

- ◇ Control hearing of Minister of Justice, Mr Miraš Radović, with regard to the acquisition of information on implemented and planned activities within international legal cooperation in criminal matter between judiciary of Montenegro and judiciaries of countries in the region.

Security and Defence Committee

- ◇ Control hearing of the Director of the National Security Agency regarding public claims of Mr. Slobodan Pejović;
- ◇ Control hearing of the Director of the National Security Agency, Mr Duško Marković and the Director of the Administration for Prevention of Money Laundering and Financing Terrorism, Mr. Predrag Mitrović, with regard to the activities under the competency of said bodies in case “Šarić” and action “Balkanski ratnik” (Balkan Warrior);
- ◇ Control hearing of the Director of the National Security Agency with regard to the organisation and acting of members of Wahhabi movement in Montenegro;
- ◇ Control hearing of the Director of the Police Administration, the Director of the National Security Agency and the Special State Prosecutor for Suppression of Organised Crime on the topic: Listings in cases “Keljmendi” and “Šarić”.
- ◇ Control hearing of the Director of the National Security Agency and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration with regard to the evaluation given in the NATO 2011 Progress Report on Montenegro’s participation in the MAP;
- ◇ Control hearing of the Supreme State Prosecutor and Director of the Administration for Prevention of Money Laundering and Financing Terrorism on the topic of the previous activities of competent state authorities carried out in connection with examination of allegation in relation to possible corrupt activities during and after the privatisation of “Telekom”.

Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget

- ◇ Control hearing with regard to carrying out of State Aid Policy of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Information Society and Telecommunications, Mr. Vujica Lazović, prof. PhD, Minister of Finance Milorad Katnić, PhD, and Minister of Economy, Mr. Vladimir Kavarić, PhD.

Committee on Human Rights and Freedom

- ◇ Control hearing of the Director of the Institution for Enforcement of Criminal Sanctions on the topic: Activities of Institution for Enforcement of Criminal Sanctions regarding findings from the Analytical report of the European Commission and Recommendations of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro contained in the final opinion No 84/10 of 29 March 2010;
- ◇ Control hearing of the Minister of Human and Minority Rights, Mr. Ferhat Dinoša, on the topic: Implementation of the Law on Prohibition of Discrimination and Activities regarding raising awareness on significance of prevention, reporting and sanctioning of all types of discrimination;
- ◇ Control hearing of the Minister of Labour and Social Welfare on the topic: Implementation of the Conclusions of the Parliament of Montenegro (Official Gazette of Montenegro, 36/11) adopted on the occasion of the review of the Special Report by the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms of Montenegro on human rights of the mentally ill placed in institutions;
- ◇ Control hearing of the Coordinator of Coordination Committee for monitoring implementation of the Strategy for Permanently Resolving the Issue of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons, with particular reference to the Camp Konik I and II, the Minister of Labour and Social Welfare and the Minister of Interior on the topic: Implementation of the Strategy for Permanently Resolving the Issue of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons, with particular reference to the Camp Konik I and II”.

²⁴ Source: records and reports from meetings of working bodies, as well as monthly reports by secretaries of working bodies.

Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports

- ◇ Control hearing of the Minister of Education and Science, Mr. Sreten Škuletić, PhD, with regard to the current events in Gymnasium in Cetinje.

Commission for Monitoring and Control of the Privatization Procedure

- ◇ Control of the privatisation procedure of the Aluminium Plant Podgorica (Control hearing of the Minister of Economy);
- ◇ Control of the privatisation procedure of “Arsenal” Tivat (Control hearing of the Minister of Defence and Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Policy and Financial System).

CONSULTATIVE HEARINGS**Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration**

- ◇ Consultative hearing (debate) on the topic: Reform of Justice System in Montenegro, in the context of recommendations in the European Commission’s opinions.

Security and Defence Committee

- ◇ Consultative hearing on the topic of flood prevention in Montenegro;
- ◇ Consultative hearing on the topic of maritime safety and security in Montenegro;
- ◇ Consultative hearing of the military-diplomatic representative of Montenegro, Lt. Gen. Ljubiša Jokić, prior to taking office.

Committee on International Relations and European Integrations

- ◇ Implementation of the foreign policy priorities of Montenegro and further projections;
- ◇ Preparations for the Questionnaire of the European Commission and obtaining of the EU candidate status;
- ◇ Providing Committee’s opinion on candidates for Ambassadors of Montenegro in foreign countries and international institutions²⁵;
- ◇ Review of the monthly and quarterly reports on the fulfilment of obligations from the Interim Stabilisation and Association Agreement²⁶;
- ◇ Current Foreign Policy Issues of Montenegro;
- ◇ Discussion on additional questions to the Questionnaire of the European Commission;
- ◇ Review of the monthly reports on the fulfilment of obligations from the Action Plan of monitoring of implementation of recommendations in the European Commission Opinion²⁷;
- ◇ Review of the reports on the fulfilment of obligations under the Stabilisation and Association Agreement and quarterly reports on overall activities within the stabilisation and association process to the EU²⁸;
- ◇ Review of the documents with highlighted findings and recommendations of the European Commission found in the Opinion on Montenegro’s Application for EU Membership and Analytical Report;
- ◇ Review of the 2010 Performance Report of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- ◇ Review of the Government’s Action Plan of monitoring of implementation of recommendations in the European Commission Opinion in the part relating to the area of judiciary, fight against corruption and organised crime;
- ◇ Consideration of the conclusions of the European Council of 9 December 2011;
- ◇ Review of the EU Pre-Accession Assistance Programme;
- ◇ Consideration of the information on bilateral cooperation with the EU member states and countries of the South Eastern Europe, with special regard to the presiding over regional initiatives;
- ◇ Performance Report of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration in 2011;
- ◇ Review of the performance report of the working groups and implementation of the explanatory and bilateral screening for Chapters 23 and 24.

Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget

- ◇ Consultative hearing on the topic: Tariffs and prices of electric energy - January bills;
- ◇ Consultative hearing on the topic: The situation in the area of telecommunications with regard to the implementation of the Law on Electronic Communications;

²⁵ hearings in total.

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- ◇ Consultative hearing on the topic: Draft Law on Investment Funds with regard to the implementation effects of the current Law”;
- ◇ Consultative hearing on the topic: The current situation in the Aluminium Plant Podgorica after adopting the Decision on subsequent confirmation of the Decision on overtaking the debt of AD Aluminium Plant Podgorica towards Deutsche Bank and appropriate conclusions in the Parliament of Montenegro;
- ◇ Consultative hearing on the topic: Current issues related to implementation of the Law on Energy in relation to the position and authorization of the Energy Regulatory Agency;
- ◇ Consultative hearing on the topic: Public Dialog on Sustainable Energy Use in South East Europe – Situation in Montenegro (with special regard to the implementation of the Law on Energy Efficiency);
- ◇ Consultative hearing (discussion) on the topic: “Implementation of the Law on Banks in the part related to the Banking Ombudsman”.

Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms

- ◇ Consultative hearing with regard to discussion on the proposal for the Law on Trade Union Representation;
- ◇ Consultative hearing on the topic: Review of the model of organization, functioning and manner of allocation of funds of the Fund for Minorities;

Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare

- ◇ Consultation hearing of Mr. Miodrag Radunović, PhD, Minister of Health regarding spread of the virus A (H1N1);
- ◇ The current situation in Montenegro regarding pandemic of the virus A (H1N1);
- ◇ The current situation in Montenegro regarding pandemic of the virus A (H1N1);
- ◇ Consultative hearing on the occasion of epidemiological situation in the Public Institution “Komanski Most”;
- ◇ Implementation of Law on State and Other Holidays.

Administrative Committee

- ◇ Consultative hearings of candidates for the president and members of the Commission for Prevention of Conflict of Interest;
- ◇ Consultative hearings of candidates for the president of the Council of the Insurance Supervision Agency, aimed at preparing MPs to decide on the appointment proposal;
- ◇ Consultative hearings of candidates for the appointment of two members of the Council of the Agency for Electronic Communications and Postal Services, aimed at preparing MPs to decide on the appointment proposal.

APPENDIX III: PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONAL SCHEME

