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Foreword

In democratic countries, national parliament is recognized as a key state institution and there are almost no disputes with regard to its fundamental function. Proper functioning of parliament and performance of its constitutional role depends greatly on the available work resources. Despite the significant differences among countries in terms of size and economic strength, as well as resources available to parliament, parliaments are generally faced with the same or similar challenges. This, inter alia, also includes provision of adequate human and material resources, as well as accommodation capacities, enabling parliament and its working bodies, MPs and employees to perform their activities on a regular basis. As in other organizational systems, provision of adequate working space means an investment in human resources and productivity, furthermore, it brings higher quality of work to an organization; whereas the quality of work of parliament, as an institution, could certainly have wider implications on the state and society as a whole.

At the beginning of this document, there is a short description of current accommodation capacities of the Parliament of Montenegro. The second part of the document consists of a tabular presentation of data concerning the area and accommodation capacities of parliaments in the following countries: Norway (*Stortinget*), Israel (*Knesset*), Denmark (*Folketinget*), Finland (*Eduskunta*) and Belgium (*Chambre des représentants* - Chamber of Representatives). The data were obtained through the ECPRD Network (the European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation)¹, following a request by the House of Representatives of the Netherlands (*Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal*) submitted to the aforementioned countries in September 2005, in order to obtain an adequate solution involving the Parliament of the Netherlands. The follow-up of the document consists of a tabular presentation of data obtained by the Parliamentary Service of the Parliament of Montenegro in March 2011 on the basis of a questionnaire from parliamentary services of the following parliaments: Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatian Parliament, Slovenian Parliament, Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia and National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia.

The complete document in Montenegrin language can be found at:

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¹ ECPRD request , No. 459, *Accommodation of Parliaments*, September 2005