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## Foreword

Montenegro's integration into the European Union is one of the key priorities of the Parliament of Montenegro. In order to successfully complete the EU accession process, it is very important to fulfill the political criteria for membership, and achieve progress in the adoption of EU law and practices in the areas related to negotiating Chapter 23 (Judiciary and Fundamental rights) and Chapter 24 (Justice, Freedom and Security), as well as anti-corruption policy.

In this regard, the Parliament of Montenegro deemed it very important to establish an anti-corruption monitoring body; hence, in May 2012, the Parliament adopted a Decision on Amending the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro<sup>1</sup>. The decision, *inter alia*, envisages the establishment of a parliamentary anti-corruption committee, to be responsible for monitoring and analysing the work of state authorities, institutions, organizations and other bodies in dealing with the fight against corruption and organized crime. In addition, it shall be in charge for considering issues and problems in the implementation of laws dealing with the fight against corruption and organized crime, proposing amendments and additional measures, in order to improve strategies, action plans and other documents dealing with the fight against corruption and organized crime, as well as considering complaints and forwarding them to the relevant authorities.

In order to better understand the existence and functioning of parliamentary working bodies dealing with anti-corruption issues in other parliaments, the Section for Research, Analysis, Library and Documentation of the Parliament of Montenegro submitted a questionnaire<sup>2</sup> through the European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation (ECPRD) Network to all the parliaments, members of the ECPRD Network. The questionnaire consisted of questions on the existence of a special parliamentary working body that deals with anti-corruption, responsibilities of such body, and the type of professional support that members of the parliamentary working body get from the parliamentary service. In addition to the information received by parliaments through the ECPRD network, the research paper was additionally supplemented with information available on the websites of parliaments, which have submitted a response to the questionnaire.

This paper also aims to support the decision-makers in implementing the role and competences of the parliamentary Anti-corruption Committee, in order to make their work more efficient and strengthen the control mechanisms of all state authorities, respectively bodies engaged in the fight against corruption and in strengthening corruption prevention in Montenegro.

The complete document in Montenegrin language can be found at: <http://www.skupstina.me/images/dokumenti/biblioteka-istraganje/Parlamentarno%20radno%20tijelo%20koje%20se%20bavi%20pitanjima%20borbe%20protiv%20korupcije.pdf>

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<sup>1</sup> Decision on amending the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro, "Official Gazette", no. 25/12, available at: [http://www.skupstina.me/cms/site\\_data/DOC24/868/868.PDF](http://www.skupstina.me/cms/site_data/DOC24/868/868.PDF) (accessed 27 November 2012)

<sup>2</sup> ECPRD Request No. 2150 *Setting up Anti-Corruption Committee*, November 8, 2012