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Initiation of the Project to Enhance the Capacities of Parliamentary Committees

The Capacity Development Programme (CDP) for the State Administration of the Republic of Montenegro is initiating the Project „Enhancing the Capacity of Parliamentary Committees for International Cooperation and European Integration and for Constitutional Issues and Legislation in the process of Implementation of Stabilization and Association Agreement“.

Namely, by initialing the Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) the Parliament of Montenegro will acquire additional functions regarding harmonization of legislation and monitoring to the Government's work, as well as regarding establishing a joint Parliamentary Committee for Stabilization and Association with the European Parliament.

Within the process of implementation of SAA and the future harmonization of legislation, the role of the Parliamentary Committee for International Cooperation and European Integration and its relation with other existing committees will gain special importance, especially when it comes to the Committee for Constitutional Issues and Legislation.

The project will be funded by UNDP and will include an assessment of legal, institutional and administrative capacity aspects of Parliamentary Committees for International Cooperation and European Integration and for Constitutional Issues and Legislation, with an objective to create stronger political and administrative capacities and to strengthen expert assistance in their daily work. An integral part of the project will also be the establishing of more profound and regular cooperation with one of new EU Member States' Parliaments.

Official signatories for the project "Enhancing the Capacity of Parliamentary Committees for International Cooperation and European Integration and for Constitutional issues and Legislation" in the process of implementation of SAA will be:

Mr. Ranko Krivokapić, Speaker of the Parliament of Montenegro
Mr. Garet Tankosić Keli, UNDP Resident Representative a.i./UN Interagency Focal Point in Montenegro

The signing will be witnessed by:

Ms. Sanja Elezović, Director of the Foundation Open Society Institute

When: July 17 (Tuesday) 2007, at 1pm
Where: Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro, Podgorica

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