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Ministry of Defence of Montenegro and UNDP officially launch a new phase of Montenegro Demilitarization Programme

What: The representatives of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Montenegro, the Royal Netherlands Embassy and the UNDP in Montenegro will officially sign the Project Documents for two projects of the Montenegro Demilitarization Programme (MONDEM): Disposal of Hazardous Toxic Waste and SALW (Conventional Ammunition) Stockpile Management and Security.

In the presence of high government officials, resident ambassadors and heads of international organisations, the Project Documents will officially be signed by:

Minister of Defence of Montenegro, Mr. Boro Vučinić
Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, H.E. Mr Ronald J.P.M. van Dartel
UNDP Resident Representative a.i./UN Interagency Focal Point in Montenegro, Mr. Garret Tankosić Kelly,

When: October 19th (Friday), at 11:00am

Where: Ministry of Defence, Conference Room, Podgorica, Montenegro

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Disposal of Hazardous Toxic Waste (Liquid Propellant and Napalm)

Montenegro has a stockpile of over 9,900 tonnes of surplus conventional ammunition that requires destruction, disposal or demilitarization. In this stockpile there are approximately 128 tonnes of toxic hazardous waste (liquid propellant fuel and oxidiser for rockets) and 25.84 tonnes of Napalm that present a humanitarian and environmental threat.

This project is worth 615.600 USD and it is designed to dispose of this toxic hazardous waste in a safe, efficient and effective way that complies with all relevant international and EU environmental and safety legislation, and hence to existing international 'best practice'.

SALW (Conventional Ammunition) Stockpile Management and Security

The Ministry of Defence of Montenegro currently has ammunition stored in nine locations, and their aspiration is to reduce this to three locations as soon as is practicably possible.

This project worth 755.600 USD aims at solving the problems of secure storage and management at the ammunition storage areas. The project will enable the SALW (conventional ammunition) stockpile management and security within Montenegro to be at a level corresponding both to national requirements and to recommendations set out in the UN Integrated Disarmament Demobilization and Reintegration Standards (IDDRS) and the OSCE SALW Best Practice Guide 'Stockpile Management and Security'.

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