

PRESS RELEASE

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October 24th, the World United Nations Day in Montenegro

On October 23th, at 7pm, at Vila Gorica in Podgorica, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Montenegro and The United Nations System in Montenegro will commemorate the celebration of the second UN International Day in the independent Montenegro.

The solemn ceremony will be hosted by:

H.E. Mr. Milan Roćen, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Montenegro
Mr. Garret Tankosić Kelly, UNDP Resident Representative ai/UN Interagency Focal Point in Montenegro

The guests will be representatives of UN System in Montenegro, foreign and diplomatic missions in Montenegro as well as representatives of Montenegrin political, economic, cultural, civil and media society.

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The name "United Nations" was devised by United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt and was first used in the "Declaration by United Nations" of January 1, 1942, during the Second World War, when representatives of 26 nations pledged their governments to continue fighting together against the Axis Powers.

United Nations Day is celebrated annually worldwide on October 24th for the purpose of informing the people of the world as to the aims, goals, and achievements of the UN. It commemorates the origin of the United Nations Organization on October 24, 1945 when the UN Charter was ratified by almost all permanent members of the Security Council.

With 2007 - the half-way point of the 2015 target to achieve the UN Millennium Development Goals, it is imperative that nations rededicate themselves to achieving these goals by fulfilling commitments made to help the world's poorest.

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The United Nations System in Montenegro is comprised of **FAO** (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations), **IOM** (International Organization for Migration), **UNDP** (United Nations Development Programme), **UNHCR** (The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), **UNICEF** (The United Nations Children's Fund) and **WHO** (World Health Organization), including sister-agency and consultant, the World Bank (**WB**).

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