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UNECE assesses the environmental performance of Montenegro

What: **The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the Ministry of Tourism and Environment Protection will launch the 2nd Environmental Performance (EPR) of Montenegro** in front of an audience of key Governmental and state institutions, NGO sector, donors and diplomatic corps.

The Deputy Prime Minister **Dr Vujica Lazović**, **Ms Christina von Schweinichen**, Deputy Director of UNECE Environment, Housing, and Land Management Division, **Ms Catherine Masson**, UNECE EPR Programme Leader, and **Dr Milica Begović-Radojević**, the UNDP Montenegro Economy and Environment Cluster Leader will hold presentations on the different aspects of the 2nd EPR Report for Montenegro.

The Report issued a set of thirty-one specific recommendations that relate to actions Montenegro needs to implement in order to improve its state of environment and to create the necessary preconditions for a more effective integration of the goals of sustainable development into its sectoral policies. The Government of Montenegro officially approved the recommendations and these will be integrated into the national environmental protection policy, thus contributing significantly to the improvement of environmental management and the further integration of environmental and economic concerns.

When: Wednesday, 28 November 2007, at 10 am
Where: Green Salon of the Hotel Crna Gora, Podgorica, Montenegro

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In 1993, at the Second "Environment for Europe" Ministerial Conference, ministers requested UNECE to undertake EPRs in countries with economies in transition that were not OECD members. By 2004, the first cycle of Reviews had been completed*, and UNECE is now performing second Reviews. This second round, while taking stock of the progress made since the first Review, puts particular emphasis on implementation, integration, financing and the socio-economic interface with the environment.

* The first EPR of Montenegro - at that time, part of Yugoslavia - was conducted in 2002.

All information regarding the EPR Programme is freely available on the web at: <http://www.unece.org/env/epr/welcome.htm>. The EPR of Montenegro can be found in English and local language at: <http://www.unece.org/env/epr/countriesreviewed.htm>.

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