



## JOINT MEDIA ADVISORY

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**What:** Office for Gender Equality of the Government of Montenegro and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Montenegro will organize **a two days seminar titled “Stop Violence Against Women”**.

The aim of this seminar is to mobilize the support of political, expert and wider public in Montenegro, in order to direct future activities towards long-term problem solutions for domestic violence, through the following:

- Ensuring political support and commitment to the resolving of this problem;
- Enhancing of legal framework and professional procedures;
- Developing of cooperation among relevant institutions at all levels.

This seminar also represents a contribution to the global international campaign “16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence”, which has been carried out by over 1,700 organizations in more than 100 countries since 1991. Every year the campaign officially starts on November 25th, the International Day Against Violence Against Women as proclaimed by the United Nations, and it lasts until December 10th, the International Human Rights Day.

Domestic violence is a global problem which exceeds the limits of different cultures, economic groups, religions, gender. It takes various shapes and it does not bypass any society. Statistical data in the UN Secretary General’s Report for 2006 show that between 40% and 70% of murders of women were committed by their (ex) partners, while every third woman face domestic violence.

That domestic violence represents a violation of human rights is even confirmed by the International Law, as well as by numerous measures for prevention and sanctioning of this problem defined in international treaties and conventions, such as Convention on Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women, Convention on the Rights of the Child, etc..

The states signatories to these international treaties are obliged to responsibly conduct politics and to introduce measures for significant reduction of domestic violence.

The seminar will be opened by:

**Ms. Nada Drobnjak, Head of Office for Gender Equality of the Government of Montenegro**  
**Mr. Mirsad Bibović, UNDP Institutional and Judicial Reform Cluster Team Leader**

**When: December 8th – 9th, 2007, opening on December 8th at 11 a.m.**

**Where: Hotel Maestral, Miločer, Sv. Stefan**

Please, find names of participants in the seminar and the agenda in the attachment.

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