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**Prosecution of Perpetrators of War Crimes, Crimes against Humanity and
Genocide as one of the main preconditions for European integrations**

As part of the UNDP's Regional Transitional Justice Programme, the Office of the Supreme State Prosecutor of the Republic of Montenegro and the United Nations Development Programme Montenegro (UNDP) will hold a round table titled **"Prosecution of Perpetrators of War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide before the National Courts and the Compensation for Mental Harm to the Victims"**. The Round table will take place on **December 4th, 2006 in Podgorica, at 09:30, at the Zeleni Salon of Hotel Crna Gora.**

In light of the Agreement on Cooperation in Prosecution of War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide signed in Budva on July 28, 2006 by the Supreme State Prosecutor of the Republic of Montenegro Vesna Medenica and the Chief Prosecutor of the Republic of Croatia Mladen Bajić, the participants in the Round Table will discuss legal solutions and practical experiences in processing and administration of criminal procedures against perpetrators of war crimes and crimes against humanity and genocide (pls. see the attached agenda).

Welcome address will be by Supreme State Prosecutor of the Republic of Montenegro Ms. Vesna Medenica, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Montenegro Mr. Miraš Radović and, on behalf of UN Agencies in Montenegro, Ms. Robin Ellis, Head of UNHCR Office in Montenegro.

The Round Table will consist of two sessions **(1) Prosecution of Perpetrators of War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide before the National Courts** and **(2) Compensation for Mental Harm to the Victims**. Participants are High State Prosecutor in Bijelo Polje **Mr. Rifat Hadrović**, High State Prosecutor in Podgorica **Ms. Ranka Čarapić**, President of Appellative Court of Montenegro **Mr. Vukoman Golubović**, Deputy Supreme State Attorney of Croatia **Mr. Antun Kvakan**, **Mr. Aleksandar Kontić** from International Criminal Tribunal for ex-Yugoslavia, Deputy Supreme State Prosecutor **Ms. Zagorka Popović**,

Deputy Supreme State Prosecutor **Ms. Miljana Radović, Mr. Velija Murić**, Lawyer, and **Mr. Predrag Trifunović**, Judge of Supreme Court of the Republic of Serbia.

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