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Montenegrin Minister for Environmental Protection and Physical Planning Boro Vučinić to visit GIS Project Office

What: The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Montenegro will present the results achieved under the implementation of the project "Environmental Geographic Information System (GIS) for Montenegro" to Minister Vučinić.

Participants in the presentation: Minister of Environmental Protection and Physical Planning **Mr. Boro Vučinić**, UNDP Montenegro Resident Representative and **Mr. Garret Tankosić Kelly**, UNDP Montenegro Environmental GIS Project Manager **Mr. Robert Aleksić** and GIS Team members.

Financially supported with \$ 500,000 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland, implemented by UNDP Montenegro in cooperation with the Ministry for Environmental Protection and Physical Planning and the Montenegrin Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, the project "**Environmental Geographic Information System (GIS) for Montenegro**" started in August 2005. In the first phase the system has been set up to encompass forestry and biodiversity data, the data gap that existed in Montenegro basic maps has been filled, the capacity building for national parks has started, the maps of protected area have been developed and various relevant NGOs and government institutes have been supported. As a result, this process created conditions for establishing of an improved management of protected area and a more effective participative approach to nature protection planning.

The project implementation also entails the procurement of equipment and software and basic training for the Central Management Units of the Montenegrin Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management (Forestry Sector) and of Biodiversity Sector of the Ministry for Environmental Protection and Physical Planning.

The presentation will include:

- **system demonstration, current status report, introduction of further steps in statewide GIS implementation**
- **press conference**

When: September 07th (Thursday), expected at 3:30 pm, possible slight delay

Where: GIS Project Office, 6 Omladinskih brigada St., Podgorica, Montenegro

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