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Regional Transitional Justice Programme Learning Workshops for Parliamentarians and Representatives of Judiciaries from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo

Igalo, August 14th 2006. – As part of United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) regional „[Transitional Justice Programme](#)“ a two week Learning Workshops on Transitional Justice started today in Igalo for parliamentarians and representatives of judiciaries from the region. At the same time, this is the first regional gathering with participation of parliamentary representatives from the region.

The Learning Workshops are organized by UNDP Serbia's Judicial Reform/Rule of Law Cluster, in cooperation with UNDP Offices in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Kosovo, and they were opened by Mr. Garret Tankosić Kelly, Resident Representative a. i., UNDP Montenegro.

The Learning Workshops Programme entails specialized lectures, workshops and panel discussions in four domains: war crime prosecutions, reparations, institutional reform and truth seeking. Within these domains a more detailed analysis will be made of the role of parliament and judiciary in transitional justice processes, including comparative review of existing practices in the region and in the world. Special attention will be given to vetting and lustration, truth commissions, fate of missing persons, material and symbolical reparations, prevention of violations of international humanitarian law, as well as the media in relation to the transitional justice process.

Transitional Justice Learning Workshops consist of two one-week modules. The first module, between August 14th-20th, is intended for parliamentarians in the region and the second module, between August 20th-27th, is intended for representatives of judiciaries from the region. Lecturers and moderators are eminent experts in the field of transitional justice from the countries in the region and abroad. Participants are representatives of parliaments and judiciaries from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Kosovo and Serbia.

The goal of UNDP's regional Transitional Justice Programme is to strengthen capacities and to provide access to justice through regional exchange of information, establishing of partnerships and public information of post-conflict social institutions. Within the Programme two regional conferences were held: International seminar «[Crimes of War and Legal Legacy](#)», in 2004 in Dubrovnik and International Conference: „[Building Partnerships for Transitional Justice Initiatives](#)“ in 2006 in Belgrade. The Programme is tailored to offer strategic advice and support to the efforts of the governments in the region in overcoming the legacy of the past and in support to better regional cooperation and development.

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