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### October 24<sup>th</sup>, the World United Nations Day in Montenegro

**On October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm, at Vila Gorica in Podgorica, the United Nations Organizations in Montenegro and their guests will mark the United Nations Day.** This will be the first celebration of the United Nations Day in Montenegro as an independent country which was welcomed as 192nd State Member by the United Nations on June 28th this year.

**The solemn ceremony will be hosted by H.E. Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Montenegro Mr. Miodrag Vlahović and UNDP Resident Representative ai/UN Interagency Focal Point in Montenegro Mr. Garret Tankosić Kelly, and the guests will be representatives of foreign and diplomatic missions in Montenegro as well as representatives of Montenegrin political, economic, cultural, civil and media society.**

On the occasion of the 1<sup>st</sup> celebration of UN Day, the UN System in Montenegro and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Montenegro will give a celebratory copy of **The Universal Declaration of Human Rights** to the invitees. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted and proclaimed on December 10, 1948 by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

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United Nations Day was established by Presidential Proclamation to commemorate the establishment of the United Nations in 1945. The name "United Nations" was devised by United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt and was first used in the "Declaration by United Nations" of January 1, 1942, during the Second World War, when representatives of 26 nations pledged their governments to continue fighting together against the Axis Powers.

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**The United Nations organizations in Montenegro are FAO** (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations), **IOM** (International Organization for Migration), **UNDP** (United Nations Development Programme), **UNHCR** (The United Nations Refugee Agency), **UNICEF** (The United Nations Children's Fund) and **WHO** (World Health Organization).

**FAO** works on project to improve the overall household incomes within the poorer and more isolated communities of Northern Montenegro by helping develop livestock production and marketing through provision of technical support, information and training.

  
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**IOM** deals with the Combating Trafficking in Persons, Assisted Voluntary Return of Irregular Stranded Migrants, Czech Pilot Project: Active Selection of Qualified Foreign Workers, Temporary Residence Permits on humanitarian grounds Program (TRP) and regional Return and Reintegration for Trafficked Victims.

**UNDP**, in line with the its sustainable development ethos, is currently working on social inclusion, environmentally sensitive economic development and strengthening of public governance capacities.

**UNHCR** pursues durable solutions for refugees and displaced persons and supports the Government to implement asylum legislation.

**UNICEF** supports Government of Montenegro in achieving UN and EU standards in social policy reform for children and in harmonization of child related national legislation with UN and EU standards. In cooperation with the state institutions and civil society organizations UNICEF also works in implementation of the activities related to comprehensive child protection system reform in the area of Juvenile Justice system, in combating and preventing HIV/AIDS, in Early Child Development, in implementation of Child Centered Education with inclusion of Roma and other excluded children, inclusion and mainstreaming of children with disabilities, de-institutionalisation and addressing violence in families and schools.

**WHO** within its regular program of support to the Health System of Montenegro with the Ministry of Health agreed in the Biannual Collaborative Agreement for 2006/7 that the following thematic areas are priority areas for collaboration: Strengthening stewardship function of the health system to address better health information, pharmaceutical and disaster preparedness and response issues; Scaling up health promotion and prevention of non-communicable diseases; Scaling up response to communicable disease surveillance and immunization; Fostering Environmental safety with focus on Food safety.

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