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UNDP Executive Board in New York adopted the Country Programme Document for Montenegro

New York, September 13, 2006 - At the second regular session held yesterday in New York, the UNDP (United Nations Development Programme)/UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund) Executive Board made up of representatives from 36 countries around the world, who serve on a rotating basis, adopted the Country Programme Document for the Republic of Montenegro for the period between 2007 - 2011.

Country Programme Document is a working tool for cooperation between local UNDP Office in Montenegro with the Government institutions, Public institutions and Civil Society organizations. This document sets three key priorities for the coming years: greater social inclusion of marginalised groups; capacity development for public management and promotion of environmentally sensitive economic development.

Mr. Garret Tankosić Kelly, UNDP Montenegro Resident Representative ai, says: **“The new Country Programme Document will address the key strategic goal of the newly independent nation, which is to become a prosperous member state of the European Union. We will continue to place our programming in the way to assist the efforts of Montenegro to comply with European accession standards; we will support the private sector to carry out environmentally sustainable practices and support will also be given to the development of sustainable tourism by the private sector in the underdeveloped regions. In line with one of principal Millennium Development Goals to eradicate the poverty, we will support the vulnerable and social groups at risk of exclusion – especially Roma who are the poorest group of people in Montenegrin society - in their efforts to access public services, employment and development opportunities and we will continue to encourage participation of women in business, politics and governance. One of our programmes will support the effectiveness of HIV prevention programmes in Montenegro. Furthermore, we will assist key ministries with relevant expertise to increase their absorbtion and implementation capacity, particularly in order to maximize forthcoming European Union development assistance”,** says Mr. Tankosić Kelly, adding that **“in specific sectors, UNDP will continue to promote donor cooperation to address emerging development priorities and special attention will be given to the strengthening and coordination of UN system at country level.”**

In 2002 the UNDP Office in Montenegro started work with a \$ 50.000 budget and two national staff. Over the past 4 years the program has expanded, leading in the course of time to the establishment of a fully developed country office with a Programme portfolio aiming at more

than 20 million dollars for the coming years. According to UNDP Global Staff Survey, UNDP Office in Montenegro is one of two best UNDP Offices in the Region (Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States) and the best Office in the region according to Partnership Survey.

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