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Montenegro Summer School for Young Diplomats "Gavro Vuković" 2 – 6 June, 2008

What: Bearing in mind the role of establishing connections both among diplomatic services and young diplomats in the region and between them and their colleagues from the EU countries, the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro supported by the Capacity Development Programme (CDP) will organize the Montenegro Summer School for Young Diplomats "Gavro Vuković"**. The School will be held 2-6 June, 2008 and the participants will be young diplomats from the countries of the region and several EU countries, while the lecturers will be eminent domestic and foreign practitioners and theorists in international politics.

The first Montenegrin Summer School for Young Diplomats is devoted to the challenges for diplomats from countries in the process of European and Euro-Atlantic integrations and provides an excellent opportunity for an exchange of opinions and experiences concerning current issues and processes in the EU and NATO, but also for networking among young diplomats from the region and other countries of the EU and their specialization and professional development.

The Summer School for Young Diplomats will be officially be opened by:

H.E. Mr. Milan Roćen, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro

Mr. Vuka Golubović, Mayor of Berane

Mr. Garret Tankosić Kelly, UNDP Resident Representative a.i./UN Interagency Focal Point in Montenegro

When: **Tuesday, June 3rd 2008, at 10:30am**

Where: **Duke Gavro Vuković Memorial House, Berane, Montenegro**

Lecturers at the Summer School for Young Diplomats will be H.E. Mr. **Leopold Maurer**, Ambassador, Head of the Delegation of the European Commission to Montenegro; H.E. Mr. **Roderick Moore**, US Ambassador to Montenegro; H.E. Ms. **Slavica Milačić**, Ambassador, Head of Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the European Union; H.E. Ms. **Karin Jaani**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia; H.E. Mr. **Florian Raunig**, Ambassador of Austria to Montenegro; H.E. Mr. **Vesko Garčević**, Ambassador of Montenegro to Austria; H.E. Mr. **Petar Turčinović**, Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia to Montenegro; Dr **Anton Bebler**, Professor of Political Science and of Defense Sciences at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia; Mr. **Živko Andrijašević**, Ph.D, University of Montenegro; Ms. **Milica Kadić Aković**, MA in Public Relations and Mr. **Radoje Cerović**, MSc, Psychologist and Strategic Communication Expert.

Lecture topics will be: Western Balkans in the United Europe: EU Perspective; History of Montenegrin Diplomacy; the European Perspective of the Western Balkans - the Conditionality Policy: Membership vs. Partnership; EU Enlargement: the new member states' perspective; Interactive Workshop on Communication Techniques; Challenges for a Diplomat: an Envoy or an Active Participant in Negotiations?; the Importance of Young Diplomats' Network in Enhancing the Stability of the Western Balkans; Transatlantic Dimension of the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy: the Culture of Cooperation and Dialogue in Foreign Affairs; the Experiences and Challenges of Small Countries' Diplomacies.

In addition, an interactive workshop will be held on the Attitude of EU Countries towards EU and NATO Enlargement (Individual presentations by young diplomats, representatives of EU countries: Estonia, Italy and Slovenia), as well as an interactive workshop on Achievements and Challenges on the Road to European and Euro-Atlantic Integration (Individual presentations by young diplomats, representatives of the countries from the Western Balkans: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia).

The working sessions will remain closed to media. Official closure of the first Montenegro Summer School for Young Diplomats “Gavro Vuković” will take place on Friday, 6 June, at the Vila Gorica in Podgorica. All relevant details on that event shall be communicated to the media in due course.

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Situated between the East and the West and connected with its Balkan and Mediterranean neighbours, Montenegro is recognized as a stability factor and, within European and Euro-Atlantic integrations, belongs to one of the most dynamic but also most promising regions. Montenegro has duly recognized that good neighbourly relations and integrations make a guarantee for its successful development. In the new context, it is developing as a stable, democratic and multiethnic country and shares common values with the countries from the region, the European continent and the democratic world.

As an independent country Montenegro has the opportunity to reinforce its position on the international scene and to step up and enhance the relations with the major agents on this scene. The continuity of endeavours in foreign affairs is an essential quality of its current international position. Striving to meet the new obligations in line with the European and Euro-Atlantic aspirations, Montenegro is establishing the necessary institutional prerequisites for an adequate network of diplomatic-consular offices, implementation of foreign policy and international cooperation.

Montenegro's key priorities in the domain of foreign policy are integration in the EU and NATO, enhancing and maintaining good neighbourly relations and regional cooperation, as well as further development of comprehensive bilateral and multilateral cooperation. Considering that majority of the Western Balkans countries share similar goals, a need is identified to acquaint young diplomats of the region with the essential elements of the process of Euro-Atlantic integrations and the process of cooperation in the Western Balkan region.

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