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**Office for Gender Equality of the Government of Montenegro  
Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)  
Foundation Open Society Institute, Representative Office Montenegro (FOSI ROM)  
United Nations Country Team in Montenegro (UNCT)**

## ***Joint Media Advisory***

**What:** The Office for Gender Equality of the Government of Montenegro, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the Foundation Open Society Institute, Representative Office Montenegro (FOSI ROM) and the United Nations Country Team in Montenegro (UNCT) are organizing a Round Table: **“Domestic Violence: current status – future activities”**

**Speakers at the opening of the Round Table will be:**

**Ms. Nada Drobnjak, Head of Office for Gender Equality of the Government of Montenegro**

**Mr. Alexander Avanesov, UN Resident Coordinator in Montenegro**

**H.E. Ambassador Paraschiva Badescu, Head of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro**

**Mr. Clive Rumbold, Head of Political, European Integration and Trade Section in the EC  
Delegation to Montenegro**

**Ms. Sanja Elezović, Director of the Foundation Open Society Institute, Representative Office  
Montenegro**

**When: December 11th 2008 (Thursday), at 10 am**

**Where: Premier Apart Hotel**

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**The aim of the Round Table** is to mobilise political, expert and other support in Montenegro, in order to direct future activities towards long-term resolution of domestic violence problem, in particular:

- Ensure the political support and dedication towards resolution of this problem;
- Improve the legislative and code of conduct;
- Develop the cooperation between relevant institutions at all levels.

This opportunity will also be used to sum up the results of this year’s campaign which was launched by the UNCT in Montenegro, the Office for Gender Equality of the Government of Montenegro, the OSCE and the FOSI ROM, as well as to discuss the achieved results on combating domestic violence and problems that still exist in legislative, institutional and social system.

This Round Table represents the contribution to the Global International Campaign **“16 days of Activism against Gender Based Violence”**, which has been carried out by over 1,700 organizations in more than 100 countries since 1991. Every year the campaign officially starts on November 25th, the International Day Against Violence Against Women as proclaimed by the United Nations, and it lasts until December 10th, the Human Rights Day.



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