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Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Media Advisory

United Nations Day in Montenegro

What: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro and the United Nations System in Montenegro will mark the 63rd anniversary of the United Nations.

The solemn ceremony will be hosted by:

H.E. Mr. Milan Roćen, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro
Mr. Alexander Avanesov, UNDP Resident Representative/UN Resident Coordinator
Ms. Noala Skinner, UNICEF Representative in Montenegro
Mr. Serge Ducasse, UNHCR Representative in Montenegro
Ms. Dušica Živković, IOM Head of Office in Montenegro, member of the UNCT

When: **Thursday, October 23th, from 6.30 to 8.30pm**

Where: **Vila Gorica, Podgorica**

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.

Note: Media outlets interested in covering this event should forward their credential requests with names of journalists, cameramen, and photo-reporters by Thursday, October 23, till noon, to biro@mn.yu or phone: +382 20 242 566

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United Nations Day is celebrated annually worldwide on October 24th with the purpose of informing the people about the goals and achievements of the UN. It commemorates the origin of the United Nations Organization on October 24, 1945, when the United Nations Charter went into effect.

The celebration of the UN day this year coincides with the passing of the midpoint in the world's efforts to reach the UN Millennium Development Goals, eight goals that 192 United Nations member states have committed to achieve by the year 2015. They include reducing extreme poverty, reducing child mortality rates, fighting disease epidemics such as AIDS, and developing a global partnership for development. With the 2015 target date fast approaching, much remains to be done to meet the Millennium Goals and to fully embrace the principles enshrined in the Millennium Declaration. Through their activities in Montenegro, all the UN agencies pay attention to the human rights, with specific focus on the rights of those in need of special protection, including ethnic minorities and marginalized groups, refugees and displaced persons, children, and women.



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The United Nations works toward maintaining international peace and security and finding solutions for global economic and humanitarian problems. Millions of lives benefit from the existence of the UN and its organizations, which have become significant points of assistance for nations to develop and for the world to step forward together for the better tomorrow. We will be judged in the future on the actions we take today – on results. On this United Nations Day, let us rededicate ourselves to achieving them.

The United Nations System in Montenegro is comprised of **FAO** (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations), **UNDP** (United Nations Development Programme), **UNHCR** (The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), **UNICEF** (The United Nations Children's Fund) and **WHO** (World Health Organization), including sister-agency, the World Bank (**WB**). **IOM** (International Organization for Migration) is the invited member of the UN Country Team in Montenegro.

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