



Media Advisory

What: The UN Country Team Thematic Group on Human Rights is organizing a media conference with Law Faculty , University of Montenegro, to announce the release of jointly published Special Edition Law Review on Human Rights

Speakers at the launching of the Special Edition Law Review on Human Rights will be:

**Mr. Alexander Avanesov, UN Resident Coordinator in Montenegro,
Dr. Ranko Mujovic, Dean of Law Faculty**

When: 28th September 2009, (Monday) at 11:00 a.m

Where: Law Faculty, Podgorica in "Svecana Sala"

The Special Edition Law Review on Human Rights was created to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Law Review is the primary outcome document from the two-day conference held on December 9 and 10, 2008.

The main goal of the Conference, which was jointly arranged by the UN Country Team's Thematic Group on Human Rights and the Law Faculty of the University of Podgorica, was to create and encourage dialogue on Human Rights in Montenegro, inspired by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The contents of this Special Edition Law Review draws on many of the human rights principles embodied in the Declaration, and applies them to the Montenegrin context. Specifically, the Law Review focuses on four thematic areas: the right to gender equality, minority rights, the right to a fair trial and due process of law and the rights of people with disabilities. The Law Review reflects the dialogue from the Conference in the form of a series of scholarly articles, and substantively delves into human rights issues in Montenegro.

Articles were written by key panelists of the Conference coming from diverse areas of Montenegrin society including professors, government officials, NGO's representatives, etc. It also contains the articles of three law students who won the essay writing competition, and the conclusions from each of the four thematic panels with specific recommendations such as calling for the implementation of the Law on Gender Equality, and the immediate adoption of the Law on the Prevention of Discrimination.



The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) is a milestone document in the history of human rights. Drafted by representatives with different legal and cultural backgrounds from all regions of the world, the Declaration was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on 10 December 1948. The Declaration arose directly from the experience of the Second World War and represents the first global expression of rights to which all human beings are entitled. It consists of 30 articles which have been elaborated in subsequent international treaties, regional human rights instruments, national constitutions and laws. It sets out, for the first time, fundamental human rights to be universally protected.

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