



60 YEARS OF UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS 1948-2008

Conference on Human Rights in Montenegro in Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

PODGORICA, December 9, 2008 – On the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Law Faculty and the UN Country Team Thematic Group on Human Rights in Montenegro will organize **a two-day conference** for the representatives of the main pillars of society - academia, government and civil sector – **at the Law Faculty in Podgorica on December 9 and 10.**

Speakers at the opening of the Conference on Human Rights will be:

Mr. Alexander Avanesov, UN Resident Coordinator in Montenegro,

Mr. Ranko Mujović, Dean of Law Faculty

Mr. Šefko Crnovršanin, Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Montenegro

When: **9 December 2008 (Tuesday), at 10:00 a.m.**

Where: **Law Faculty, Podgorica**

The two-day conference will focus on four thematic areas selected in coordination and consultation with NGO and government entities: the right to gender equality, minority rights, the right to fair trial and due process of law and disability rights.

Speakers at the closing of the Conference on Human Rights will be:

H.E. Ambassador Milorad Šćepanović, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs,

Ms. Tea Gorjanc Prelević, NGO Human Rights Action,

H.E. Ambassador Bernard Garancher, Embassy of France – EU Presidency,

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

Mr. Alexander Avanesov, UN Resident Coordinator and

Dr. Ranko Mujović, Dean of the Law Faculty - University of Montenegro

When: **10 December 2008 (Wednesday), at noon**

Where: **Law Faculty, Podgorica**

The UN Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon launched a year-long campaign in the lead up to the 60th birthday of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) in 2008. The theme of the campaign, "*Dignity and justice for all of us,*" reinforces the vision of the Declaration as a commitment



to universal dignity and justice. The campaign is designed to help people everywhere to learn more about their human rights throughout 2008 and to better understand the relevance of the Universal Declaration in their lives today.

The UDHR is the foundation of international human rights law. It is the first universal statement on the basic principles of inalienable human rights. The UDHR established a common set of standards for human achievement for all people: freedom, equality, solidarity, tolerance, respect and shared responsibility. Finally, it is the most translated document in the world, as it is available in more than 360 languages.

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Law Faculty in Podgorica, 9 - 10 December 2008

Agenda:

Tuesday, 9 December 2008

09h30 - 10h00 **Registration**

10h00 – 11h30 **Opening Plenary Session** (*simultaneous translation provided*)
Facilitator: Ms. Tamara Jerman, Chairperson, UN Human Rights Thematic Group

Opening speeches

Mr. **Alexander Avanesov**, UN Resident Coordinator
Dr. **Ranko Mujović**, Dean of Law Faculty
Mr. **Šefko Crnovršanin**, Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Montenegro

Presentation of the National Report Submitted in Accordance with Paragraph 15 (A) of the Annex to Human Rights Council Resolution 5/1 - Universal Periodic Review, Dr. Ranko Mujović, Dean of Law Faculty

11h30 - 12h00 **Coffee Break**

12h00 - 13h30 **Thematic Panels** (*to be conducted in parallel without translation in English*)
* Presentations by government and NGO panelist*
* Open discussion moderated by the law faculty*

Panel 1: The right to gender equality



Moderator: Dr. Milorad Ivović
Assistant Moderator: Mr. Bojana Lakićević
Government speaker
NGO speaker

Panel 2: Minority rights

Moderator: Dr. Ivana Jelić
Assistant Moderator: Dr. Dražen Cerović
Government speaker
NGO speaker

Panel 3: The right to fair trial and due process of law

Moderator: Dr. Velimir Rakočević
Assistant Moderator: Mr. Siniša Bjeković
Government speaker
NGO speaker

Panel 4: Disability rights

Moderator: Mr. Vesna Simović
Assistant Moderator: Mr. Djordjije Malović
Government speaker
NGO speaker

13h30 -14h30

Lunch buffet

14h30- 16h00

Thematic Panels Wrap-up discussion and drafting of conclusions and recommendations

Wednesday, 10 December 2008

10h00- 12h00

Closing Plenary Session (*simultaneous translation provided*)

Moderator of each panel present conclusions
Discussion

12.00

PRESS CONFERENCE at the Law Faculty – speakers:

H.E. Mr. **Milorad Šćepanović**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Ms. **Tea Gorjanc Prelević**, NGO Human Rights Action and
H.E. Mr. **Bernard Garancher**, French Embassy – EU Presidency
Mr. **Clive Rumbold**, EC Delegation to Montenegro
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