



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Ministry of Justice, OSCE and UNDP will organize public debates on the working version of the Law on Legal Aid**

**What:** The Ministry of Justice of Montenegro, supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Montenegro and Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) - Mission to Montenegro, will organize the first in a series of public debates about the working version of the Law on Legal Aid.

#### **Introductory speeches at the Public Debate:**

**H. E. Mr. Miraš Radović, Minister of Justice at the Government of Montenegro**  
**Ambassador Paraschiva Badescu, Head of OSCE Mission to Montenegro**  
**Mr. Alexander Avanesov, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative to Montenegro**

**When: Friday, May 7th 2010, at 10am**  
**Where: Podgorica Hotel, Podgorica, Montenegro**

Other public debates about the working version of the Law on Legal Aid will be held on May 17th at the Vardar Hotel in Kotor (10am), and on May 19th 2010 at the Bijela Rada Hotel in Bijelo Polje (10am).

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For the purpose of exercising the right to a fair trial and equal access to the court, individuals who by their wealth status are not able to exercise the right to judicial protection without damage to essential subsistence of themselves and their families should be provided free legal aid pursuant to the appropriate law.

Legal Aid involves the provision of necessary funds to fully or partially cover the costs of legal advice, preparation of pleadings, representation in proceedings before the court, the State Prosecutor's Office and the Constitutional Court of Montenegro and the procedure for out-of-court dispute settlement.

The objectives of the Law on Legal Aid are:

- Passing laws that conform with international standards (EU / UN);
- Establishing systems that will provide access to justice for all;
- Creating networks of legal aid that will suit the needs of users;
- Contribution to the democratization of society and to the EU accession.

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