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### **The Hydrometeorological Institute of Montenegro and UNDP will sign a Memorandum of Understanding worth more than 85,000 Euro**

**What:** Representatives of the Hydrometeorological Institute of Montenegro and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Montenegro will sign a Memorandum of Understanding and Partnership, through which specialized 85,383.00 Euro worth equipment (hydrological stations) will be handed over to the Hydrometeorological Institute. The equipment will be used for collecting data on the eight new water currents suitable for construction of small hydro power plants.

**After the signing of the MoU, statements for the media will be given by:**

**Alexander Avanesov, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative in Montenegro**  
**Luka Mitrović, Director of the Hydrometeorological Institute in Montenegro**

**When: Tuesday, 15 December 2009 at 9.30 a.m.**

**Where: Hotel Podgorica (small conference room), Podgorica**

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The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding and Partnership is gathering of data that could attract investments in hydro potential for development of small hydro power plants. UNDP financed the procurement of the most sophisticated equipment for measuring hydro potential – 8 automatic stations for measurement of water flow and temperature, as well as 8 matching cabins for automatic measurement stations. The equipment will be used on the water currents which are still unexplored, and the locations were selected in cooperation with the representatives of Hydrometeorological Institute of Montenegro and Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Unit of the Ministry of Economy of Montenegro. The following eight locations were selected: hydro stations Borovače, Koritnik-Provalija and Puzići on the river Čehotina; hydro stations Raskrsnica, Raštak, Đurdevina and Zalom on the river Morača, as well as the hydro station Dacići on the river Ibar. In this way UNDP supports the development of the national network of hydro stations of the Hydrometeorological Institute and assists in the process of collecting data necessary for investors to make decisions on investing in the small hydro power plants sector.

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Project “**Power Sector Policy Reform to Promote Small Hydropower Development**” will assist the Government of Montenegro to realize its goal of 15 to 20 MW of new small generating capacity by the close of the project, instead of 2015 as declared by Small Hydro Development Strategy. Furthermore, this project will support the government in securing the additional capacity in a more cost effective, and therefore in a more politically sustainable manner. In so doing the project will avoid between 402,360 and 536,480 CO<sub>2</sub> eq in Green House Gases (GHG) emissions over the 20 year life of the new small hydro generating facilities. Beside collecting basic data to make investment decisions, the project’s aims will be achieved through supporting the Government of Montenegro in: i) streamlining and simplifying the application procedures for small renewable independent power producers; ii) by setting attractive but competitive business terms and conditions for investors; and iii) by helping the new Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Unit role out a streamlined and transparent tendering process.

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