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International Aid Transparency Initiative Consultation Workshop for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States

What: The International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Government of Montenegro will organize a two day regional workshop with an aim to respond to the needs of all stakeholders, particularly partner country governments. In order to inform the development of the IATI standards, UNDP – as a member of the IATI Steering Committee¹ - has been tasked with facilitating detailed consultations with partner country government officials and Parliamentarians in order to better understand their priorities and aid information needs. This will help to ensure that IATI is developed in a way that meets as many of those needs as possible.

IATI is a new initiative which aims to make information about aid flows more available and accessible to all stakeholders, particularly partner countries. Launched at the Accra High Level Forum in September 2008, IATI now has sixteen donor signatories² and endorsement from a growing number of partner countries³.

When: Monday, July 6 at 9 a.m. and Tuesday, July 7 at 9 a.m.

Where: Hotel Maestral, Pržno, Budva

Opening remarks on Monday will be given by:

Mr. Alexander Avanesov, UNDP Resident Representative/UN Resident Coordinator in Montenegro
H.E. Ambassador Mr. Milorad Šćepanović, Assistant to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro
Ms. Daša Šilović, Senior Policy Advisor, Bureau for Development Policy, Capacity Development Group, UNDP New York

On Tuesday statements will be given by:

H.E. Ms. Gordana Đurović, Minister for European Integration in the Government of Montenegro
H.E. Ambassador Mr. Leopold Maurer, Head of the European Commission Delegation to Montenegro

This regional workshop is aimed at government officials involved in aid management and tracking activities from countries in Europe and the CIS. It is anticipated that participants will come from a range of partner country institutions (Ministries of Finance, Planning, and possibly central banks and interested line ministries). Participation is aimed at heads of units responsible for aid management / tracking and their staff. The following countries have been invited to attend the workshop in Budva: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo-UN administered territory under UN Security Council Resolution 1244, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro, Serbia, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

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¹ The IATI Steering Committee comprises of 18 representatives from donors, partner countries, CSOs and aid information experts.

² UK, Germany, Netherlands, UNDP, Finland, Denmark, Ireland, EC, World Bank, Australia, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden, Hewlett Foundation, GAVI, Norway.

³ So far, the governments of Central African Republic, Colombia, Ghana, Moldova, Montenegro, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda and Viet Nam have endorsed or expressed their interest in the initiative.