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Ministry of Justice, UNDP, Council of Europe and NGO Youth Initiative for Human Rights will organize a Round Table on Working version of the Law on Legal Aid

What: The Ministry of Justice of Montenegro, supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Montenegro, Council of Europe and NGO Youth Initiative for Human Rights, will organize one in a series of round tables on the Working version of the Law on Legal Aid.

Introductory speeches at the Round Table:

Mr. Miraš Radović, Minister of Justice at the Government of Montenegro

Ms. Sanja Bojanić, UNDP Democratic Governance Cluster Leader

Mr. Gennadiy Kosyak, Representative of the Council of Europe Department for Strengthening Legal Capacities and Human Rights

Mr. Boris Raonić, Programme Director of the NGO Youth Initiative for Human Rights

When: Thursday, 17 June 2010 at 10 a.m.

Where: Podgorica Hotel, Podgorica

After the introductory speeches presentations will follow: the Working version of the Law on Legal Aid – **Ms. Branka Lakočević, Deputy Minister of Justice in the Government of Montenegro**, the opinion of the Council of Europe experts on the Working version of the Law on Legal Aid – **Mr. Ramon Mullerat, Lawyer, former President of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)** and **Mr. David Gladwell, former Civil Court of Appeals Judge for England and Wales**, as well as presentation of the Analysis on gender sensitivity of the Working version of the Law on Legal Aid - **Ms. Marijana Pajvančić, Professor of Constitutional Law at the Faculty of Law in Novi Sad.**

The aim of this round table is to support drafting of the final version of the Law on Legal Aid, through provision of remarks, proposals and suggestions on the Working version of the Law on Legal Aid. Public discussions on the Working version of the Law were held in May in Podgorica, Kotor and Bijelo Polje.

Working version of the Law on Legal Aid can be downloaded from:

<http://www.pravda.gov.me/ministarstvo> and <http://www.pravnapomoc.me/>

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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.



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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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