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Regional Conference: “Political Participation of Women as a Factor of Societal Development”

What: Regional Conference “Political Participation of Women as a Factor of Societal Development” will be held within the framework of the Gender Programme IPA 2010, implemented by the United Nations Development Programme in Montenegro in partnership with the Ministry for Human and Minority Rights and the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro. Partners in the Conference are the UN Women and the OSCE Mission to Montenegro. The goal of the Conference is to underline the significance of equal representation of women in politics and decision-making processes using good practices of UN and EU countries. In addition to prominent experts and politicians from the U.S., Europe and the region, the Conference will also gather representatives of all parliamentary parties, academia and civil society of Montenegro.

The Regional Conference will officially be opened by:

Milan Roćen, Minister of Foreign Affairs and EU Integration in the Government of Montenegro
Rastislav Vrbensky, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative to Montenegro
Nicola Bertolini, Head of Operations Section at the Delegation of the EU to Montenegro
Sarunas Adomavicius, Head of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro

After the official opening ambassadors of the U.S. and the UK Ms. Sue K. Brown and Ms. Kate Knight-Sands, together with Mr. Sabahudin Delić, Deputy Minister for Human and Minority Rights in the Government of Montenegro, will speak about the experiences of their countries in regard to the topic: “How gender equality affects politics and changes society”.

When: “Splendid” Hotel, Bečići
Where: Monday, 12 December 2011 at 10 a.m.

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Other topics at the Conference include:

- Mechanisms for strengthening participation of women in decision-making on the path towards the EU (Parliamentary mechanisms, education of political parties and Electoral Law);
- Mobilization of Women for Political Participation (experiences of local political parties and Internationals);
- Achieving Gender Equality in Public Administration (experiences in the region, review of CEDAW recommendations);
- Building coalitions and social support networks for greater participation of women in politics and decision-making (discussion on the role of civil society, university and academia in the use of social networks and media).

The Conference will end with a session that will aim at drafting concrete recommendations for political empowerment of women in Montenegro.

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