

MEDIA ADVISORY



United Nations Development Programme

In the Year of Fight against Violence in Family, UNDP provides support to the **Women's** Safe House

What: The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Montenegro will support the work of the Podgorica Women's Safe House Shelter for Victims of Violence in Family. By signing the Grant Agreement the Shelter will receive financial support for renting facilities and utility costs for the period of one year. In the Year of Fight against Violence in Family this is one of direct and concrete ways of providing assistance to the efforts in domain of protection of victims of violence, and it represents an invitation for the institutions of the system and other relevant institutions to make assistance to this and to other shelters for victims of violence in family regular and stable.

After the Grant Agreement signing, media statements will be given by:

Ms. Ljiljana Raičević, Director of the Women's Safe House in Podgorica

Mr. Alexander Avanesov, UN **Resident Coordinator**/UNDP Resident Representative to Montenegro

When: Tuesday, 11 May 2010 at 11 a.m.

Where: UNDP Office, Europoint building, 1A St. Petar Cetinjski Boulevard, 1st floor, Podgorica

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Thanks to the persistent and dedicated work of the Women's Safe House and other women's non-governmental organizations, the issue of violence against women was recognized as a problem of human rights violation, and as an issue that needs to be urgently addressed, through adoption of adequate legislation, as well as through promotion of services for support to the victims.

It is exactly the work of the women's NGOs that contributed to the Government's recognizing for the first time violence against women as a social problem, by adopting a declaration to proclaim 2010 the Year of Fight against Violence in Family and by adopting a Draft Law on Prevention of Violence in Family.

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