



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **First public address of the women members of the Parliament of Montenegro, representatives of the international organizations and Montenegrin academia, to the Speaker of the Parliament and members of the Committee for drafting new election law**

**What:** With an aim to introduce mandatory quotas for women in the new election law prescribing at least 30% of women representatives on election lists, all women members of the Parliament of Montenegro, representatives of international organizations and Montenegrin academic community will for the first time publicly address the Speaker of the Parliament and members of the Committee for drafting the new Election Law.

**When:** Monday, 27 June 2011, at 15h

**Where:** Green Hall of Crna Gora Hotel, Podgorica

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Ten women members of the Parliament of Montenegro together with 242 representatives of the academic community (university professors, teachers and research fellows), with the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the European Union Delegation to Montenegro, are publicly advocating for introduction of mandatory gender-sensitive norms in the Election Law.

To that end, a draft text of the act in the Law on election of counsellors and members of parliament was jointly formulated, and it prescribes the following:

- Political parties to be obliged to structure election lists so that at least one in three persons be from the less represented sex.
- State Electoral Commission to be obliged to reject the election list if not in accordance with the principle from point 1.
- Political parties to be obliged, in case of replacement of mandates, i.e. filling a deputy/councillor vacancy to do the replacement in the framework of the quota for less represented sex.
- Penalty measures to be introduced in case of failing to fulfil the above stated norms.

Therefore, women members of the Parliament of Montenegro, representatives of international organizations and Montenegrin academic community are publicly appealing to the Speaker of the Parliament and the Committee for drafting the new Election Law.

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