U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530

Supplemental Statement
Pursuant to Section 2 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

OMB NO. 1105-0002

For Six Month Period Ending AUG 28 2003
(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant
REPUBLIC OF MONTENEGRO TRADE MISSION TO THE USA

(b) Registration No. 5199

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant
1610 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE., NW 20009, WASHINGTON DC

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

(a)	If an individual:		
	(1) Residence address	Yes ☐	No ☒
	(2) Citizenship	Yes ☐	No ☒
	(3) Occupation	Yes ☐	No ☒
(b)	If an organization:		
	(1) Name	Yes ☐	No ☒
	(2) Ownership or control	Yes ☐	No ☒
	(3) Branch offices	Yes ☐	No ☒

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above.

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IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C[1], state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.
Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, please attach the required amendment.

1 The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (a waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Internal Security Section, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended

(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed

5. (a) Has any person named in item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such person and describe his service.

(b) Have any employee or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or connection	Date terminated

(c) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed

6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(c) of the supplemental statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?
Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal *Date of termination*

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal[2] during this 6 month reporting period?
Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish following information:

Name and address of foreign principal *Date acquired*

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principals[2] whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

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10. **EXHIBITS A AND B**

(a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 8 the following:

Exhibit A[3] Yes ☐ No ☐
Exhibit B[4] Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment. N/A

2 The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)
3 The Exhibit A, which is filed on form CRM-157 (Formerly OBD-67) sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.
4 The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form CRM-155 (Formerly OBD-65) sets fourth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity[5] as defined below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places, of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

5 The term "political activities" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government aforeign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) **RECEIPTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies[6]

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
(SEE ATTACHMENT)			

Total

(b) **RECEIPTS - FUND RASING CAMPAIGN**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fund raising campaign[7], any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D to your registration? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____.

(c) **RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value[9] other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?
Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal	Date received	Description of thing of value	Purpose

6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. (See Rule 201(e).)
8 An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fund raising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.
9 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) **DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

Total

(b) **DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value[10] other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date disposed	Name of person to whom given	On behalf of what foreign principal	Description of thing of value	Purpose

(c) **DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value[11] in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or thing of value	Name of political organization	Name of candidate

10, 11 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials[12]?
Yes ☒ No ☐

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.
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18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

☐ Radio or TV broadcasts	☐ Magazine or newspaper articles	☐ Motion picture films	☒ Letters or telegrams
☐ Advertising campaigns	☐ Press releases	☐ Pamphlets or other publications	☒ Lectures or speeches
☐ Internet	☐ Other (specify) _____		

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

☒ Public Officials	☐ Newspapers	☐ Libraries
☒ Legislators	☐ Editors	☒ Educational institutions
☒ Government agencies	☒ Civic groups or associations	☐ Nationality groups

☐ Other (specify) _____

21. What language was used in the informational materials:
☒ English ☐ Other (specify) _____

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☐

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?
Yes ☐ No ☒

12 The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI--EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)	(Type or print name under each signature[13])
SEPTEMBER 16/03	ZORICA MARIC

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13 This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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CRIMINAL DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

NOTICE

Please answer the following questions and return this sheet in triplicate with your Supplemental Statement:

1. Is your answer to Item 16 of Section V (Informational Materials - page 8 of Form CRM-154, formerly Form OBD-64-Supplemental Statement):

(YES)_____ or NO_____

(If your answer to question 1 is "yes" do not answer question 2 of this form.)

2. Do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration:

YES_____or NO_____

(If your answer to question 2 is "yes" please forward for our review copies of all material including: films, film catalogs, posters, brochures, press releases, etc. which you have disseminated during the past six months.)

Signature

SEPTEMBER 16/03
Date

ZORICA MARIC
Please type or print name of signatory on the line above

(ACTING) HEAD OF MISSION
Title

THIS FORM IS TO BE AN OFFICIAL ATTACHMENT TO YOUR CURRENT SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT - PLEASE EXECUTE IN TRIPLICATE

SHORT-FORM REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

SECTION A

The Department records list active short-form registration tatements for the following persons of your organization filed n the date indicated by each name. If a person is not still unctioning in the same capacity directly on behalf of the oreign principal, please show the date of termination.

Short Form List For Registrant: Republic of Montenegro Trade Mission to the U.S. of America

Last Name	First Name and Other Names	Registration Date	Termination Date	Role
MARIC	ZORICA	11/01/99	—	ACTING HEAD

SECTION B

In addition to those persons listed in Section A, list below all current employees rendering services directly on behalf of the foreign principal(s) who have not as yet filed short-form registration statements. (Do not list clerks, secretaries, typists or employees in a similar or related capacity. If there is some question as to whether an employee has an obligation to file a short-form, please address a letter to us describing the activities and connection with the foreign principal.)

Name	Function	Date Hired

Signature: Stlarie

Date: SEPTEMBER 16/03

Title: (ACTING) HEAD OF MISSION

Question 11/ the Government of the Republic of Montenegro

-Assistance with the visit of the Director of the Centre for Democracy in Montenegro/CEDEM/ in Washington DC, from March 14- March 21/03
- Assistance with the visit of Minister for International Economic relations of the Republic of Montenegro, Mr. Branko Lukovac (and President of the NGO «Green») in Washington DC, March 27;
-Assistance with the visit of mayors of Ulcinj and Bar to the World Bank, July 20- July 23 in Washington DC;

Delegations invited by international financial organizations and ngo-s.

Question 12/ the government of the Republic of Montenegro

-Representing Government of the Republic of Montenegro in its efforts to further trade and investment possibilities and cooperation with the US entities;
-Coordination of the technical, expertise and economic assistance for Montenegro from USAID;
-Contacts with US officials from the US Department of State, USAID, members of Congress, representatives of the international financial institutions – The World Bank and the IMF, to discuss developments in the region and ongoing economic assistance for Montenegro(see attachments);
-Contacts with NGO-s: CSIS, NDI, USIP and other institutions interested in helping Montenegrin non-governmental sector

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Question 12/attachment/ Contacts with US officials

MARCH 2003

March 5th – Judy Harrison and Defy Mendez, Department of Treasury/ALFED-Alcohol, Labeling and Formulation Division- telephone conversation with regards to the importing labels for Montenegrin wine;

March 7th – Brendan Wheeler, Staff assistant in the Office of senator Mitch McConnell, telephone conversation with regard to cooperation with Montenegrin Parliament and Government;

March 9th - Therese Grencik, advisor for Montenegro at the Department of State/Office for South Central European Affairs – meeting with regard to the latest developments in Montenegro;

March 18th – Centre for Strategic and International studies, Conference of the Director for Democracy(CEDEM), prof. Srdjan Darmanovic/ "Future of Montenegro"/

March 19th – Lisa Tepper, Director for Southeast European affairs at the NSC, meeting with CEDEM delegation;

March 20th – Paul Grove, advisor of Senator Mitch McConnell, meeting with CEDEM delegation

APRIL 2003

April 7th – Conference "Balkan Fund for Democracy" at German Marshall Fund, discussion with Mr. Andrew Natcious, Administrator of the USAID;
April 9th – Karl MabbZeno, coordinator at USAID – telephone conversation about economic assistance for Montenegro;

April 9th – Paul Phipher, desk officer at the US Department of State, meeting with regard to the Adriatic Charter;

April 23 – Therese Grencik, adviser for Montenegro at the US Department of State, meeting regarding economic reforms in Montenegro;

April 30th – Therese Grencik, adviser for Montenegro at the US Department of State, exchange of correspondence of the Minister of Foreign affairs of Montenegro, Mr. Dragisa Burzan

MAY 2003

May 5th – Karl MabbZeno, coordinator at USAID, meeting with regard to the realization of the Grant Agreement for GOM;

May 7th – Karl MabbZeno, coordinator at USAID, telephone conversation with regard to the Grant Agreement for Montenegro;

May 15th – Theresa Grencik and Valda Keeler, advisors at the US Department of State, meeting with regard to the political and economic reforms in Montenegro and resent presidential elections;

May 19th – Robert Hand, advisor at the OSCE Commission in US Congress, meeting with regard to the presidential elections in Montenegro;

May 21- Jacqueline Harma Mesa, Assistant Chief Council, International at the US Commodity Future Trading Commission – telephone conversation with regard to the bank activities in Montenegro;

May 26 – June 6: Business trip to Montenegro

JUNE 2003

June 10th – Robert Hand & Morin Walsh, advisors in the OSCE Commission in US Congress, meeting referring judicial system and Relationship between Parliament and GOM;

June 12th – Jennifer Mitchell, adviser for global issues at the US Department of State, meeting with regard to judicial reforms in Montenegro;
June 20th – Thomas Brennan – SD official in the US Consulate in Podgorica, meeting with regard to his upcoming post in the US Consulate in Montenegro;

June 22 – Karl MabbZeno, coordinator in USAID, telephone conversation about financial and economic assistance of USAID for Montenegro;

JULY 2003

July 10th – Karl MabbZeno, Sarah Farnsworth & Ruth Podjman, officials of the USAID, meeting with regard to economic reforms, reforms and project financing in Montenegro;

July 15th – Therese Grencik, advisor for Montenegro at the US Department of State, meeting to discuss recent developments in the Balkan region;

July 22 – Lisa Tepper, Director of Southeast European Affairs at NSC, meeting to discuss position of Montenegro and the resent developments in the region;

July 30 &31 – Karl MabbZeno, coordinator in USAUD, meeting and telephone conversation with regard to realization of the Grant Agreement in Montenegro, structural assistance and projects caring on by USAID in Montenegro

AUGUST 2003

August 4th – Therese Grencik, advisor for Montenegro at the US Department of State, telephone conversation with regard to the visit of the OSCE expert team to Montenegro;

August 5th – Sarah Farnsworth, desk officer for Montenegro in USAID, exchange of views about ongoing projects in Montenegro;

August 8th – Harry Glenn, Chief of Staff at Congressman Bill Young Office, exchange of views on the upcoming trip of the delegation of congressional staffers to Montenegro;

August 10th – Scott Gudes, adviser on Appropriation Committee of HR, telephone conversation regarding his upcoming visit to Montenegro;

The Republic of Montenegro Trade Mission
For the period 03/01/03-08/31/03

Attachment to question 14(a):

Date	From Whom	Purpose		Amount
03/28/03	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Operating Purposes	$	17,712.20
04/17/03	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Operating Purposes		14,153.00
05/19/03	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Operating Purposes		15,253.00
06/09/03	Global Imaging	Overpayment Refund		51.54
06/18/03	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Operating Purposes		14,153.00
07/17/03	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Operating Purposes		14,153.00
08/21/03	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Operating Purposes		18,753.00
			$	94,228.74

The Republic of Montenegro Trade Mission
For the period 03/01/03-08/31/03

Attachment for 15(a):

For the period 03/01/03-08/31/03

Accounting Expense	$	11,540.15
Auto Expenses		1,699.00
Bank Charges		25.00
Books		464.81
Cable TV		472.08
Charitable Contributions		45.40
Consulting Fees		-
Dues & Subscriptions		520.33
Fuel		291.73
Income Tax		100.00
Insurance		18,429.00
Interest		127.64
Internet Service		425.00
Late Payment fees		-
Laundry & Cleaning		3,780.15
Legal expenses		-
Licenses		-
Maintenance Expense		3,643.87
Meals & Entertainment		6,693.00
Medical		4,307.86
Miscellaneous expenses		-
Moving Expense		-
Office / Office equipment rental		-
Other expenses / translation		2,714.62
Other professional fees		-
Other taxes - Property tax		24,928.15
Other taxes - FARA		305.00
Parking expenses		2,693.54
Penalties and fines		100.00
Postage and delivery		277.71
Repairs Expense		3,676.13
Security		318.74
Supplies		3,631.65
Telephone Expense		9,498.39
Travel - Meals & lodging		1,568.59
Travel - local		1,578.63
Travel - other		2,792.46
Utilities Expense		6,782.63
Capital Expenditures:		
Principal payments, auto		5,790.81
Furniture & fixtures		1,846.63
Equipment		-
Leasehold Improvement		-
Total Expenses	$	121,068.70

Question 22&23

- **We forward herewith, the letter of support and solidarity of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Montenegro to the Secretary of State, Mr. Powell;**

- **We forward herewith, the letter of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Montenegro, Milo Djukanovic to senators Patrick Lehy and Mitch McConnell(fin attached);**

- **We forwarded herewith, the letter of Prime Minister of the Republic of Montenegro, Milo Djukanovic to Congressman Bill Young(find attached);**

- **We forward herewith, the non-paper of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Montenegro to the US Department of State (find attached);**

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Republic of Montenegro
Government of the Republic of Montenegro
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Minister

Podgorica, **April 23. 2003.**

Dear Sir,

Following the end of the war operations in Iraq, which marks the dawn of a new era in this country, I would like to share with you the feeling of contentment that the war was concluded quickly and successfully. Above all, we are impressed that it was lead with sincere and constant concern for human dimension, with the intention of avoiding civil causalities as much as possible.

We are proud that Montenegro was a part of the international coalition that understood the inevitable need to overthrow the dictatorship in Iraq and thus make yet another step in eradication of terrorism, so that people all over the world can enjoy common values of freedom and democracy.

As before, Montenegro today stands by your side in your efforts to create conditions for a democratic system in Iraq that will bring the Iraqi people freedom and prosperity and ensure furtherance and stability to the Region. Inspired by your vision, although with limited possibilities, Montenegro wishes to contribute to the implementation of this great project.

With assurances of my sincere support and solidarity, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Dragisa Burzan

H.E. Mr. Collin Powell
Secretary of State
United States of America

Prime Minister of the Republic of Montenegro

Podgorica, August 6, 2003

Chairman BILL C.W. YOUNG
Committee on Appropriations
H–218 Capitol
Washington, DC.

Dear Mr. Young,

Through the Montenegrin Mission in Washington I have been informed of the developments relating to formulating the Draft Foreign Aid Bill in the House of Representatives and your personal contribution in proposing and persisting with the proposal that the amount of aid to Montenegro for the fiscal year 2004/2005 be increased by US$ 17 mil. This gesture is all the more appreciated as the proposed increase of aid to Eastern Europe entirely relates to Montenegro.

Regardless of what may be the eventual fate of this proposal – and, given the past record, I hope that your proposal may be accepted in the final bill – on behalf of the people and the Government of Montenegro, as well as my own behalf I wish to express to you profound gratitude for all that you have done and are doing for Montenegro, its reformist project and its democratic future. Thank you for understanding in a proper way that this is a period of crucial importance for success of a comprehensive strategy of economic and social reforms in Montenegro that my Government is devoted to without reservation.

It would give me greatest pleasure to be able to look forward to your visit to Montenegro together with your wife as my personal guests at a time that, given your busy schedule, you find most convenient.

Sincerely,

Milo Djukanović

Government of the Republic of Montenegro
The Prime Minister

Podgorica, March 12, 2003

Mr. Mitch McConnell, Chairman
Foreign Operations Subcommittee
Mr. Patrick Leahy, Ranking Member
Foreign Operations Subcommittee
United States Senate
Washington

Dear Mr. McConnell,
Dear Mr. Leahy,

Thank you for your letter of March 6. I fully understand your concern over disinformation that Radovan Karadzic, after being indicted by The Hague Tribunal, was staying in Montenegro, or that he is now in the vicinity of Niksic, the town where I was born and where I lived as a child and where there is still my parents' family house. All the more so as we hear such disinformation time and again despite regular energetic denials from our part and as the latest in the series of such disinformation comes from the senior official of the Hague Tribunal.

I do wish to assure you with utmost sense of responsibility that this is just disinformation. I likewise wish to believe that Mrs. Carla del Ponte is in possession of wrong or malicious disinformation of alleged Radovan Karadzic's stays in Montenegro. She visited Montenegro on February 18. We had a long and open conversation, in which this issue was also raised. I had an impression that she had understood and accepted the arguments that I have presented, which disprove Karadzic's stay in Montenegro. When I heard of such disinformation - which The Hague claims comes from foreign services – before Mrs. Del Ponte's visit to Montenegro I personally ordered

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people of the Ministry of the Interior and of the Security Service to clarify this issue with the people of the Western services that they cooperate with, including the American service. They got firm assurances that this was not true and that such unverified information did not come from them. At the same time, our authorities have redoubled controls and have taken a series of operative and other actions, all of which have proved that Radovan Karadzic was not, nor is he now in Montenegro. In the conversation with Mrs. Del Ponte, I offered that people from her team come to Montenegro and work together with our police, which she accepted. They have recently been in Montenegro and among other places have visited the area of Niksic, as well as other places on the border with Republika Srpska and Bosnia and Herzegovina. After that they expressed appreciation for the work of the Montenegrin police and proposed that direct cooperation should continue.

Your position that the arrest and transfer of indicted war criminals to The Hague is of paramount importance for rehabilitation and development of the Balkan region is fully identical with the clear commitment of the policy of Montenegro and my personal position that cooperation with The Hague Tribunal is one of the top priorities of our policy. You have known how to appreciate such a position of Montenegro, which has resulted in a differentiated approach to Montenegro vis-à-vis Serbia in providing US assistance to our reforms. This is vital for speeding up reforms and for democratization of the Montenegrin society, to which my Government is fully committed. It makes indeed no sense that any one in Montenegro could jeopardize all this by hiding Karadzic or any other Hague indictee.

Since I highly value the continuing support and assistance of the US Congress and the US Administration to the reform process in Montenegro and to myself, in which your part is irreplaceable, I will take the liberty to give my opinion on the underlying motives of this and similar misinformation. Following the change in Belgrade and Milosevic's demise in October 2000, as well as our initiative to establish independent and internationally recognized states of Montenegro and Serbia, including possibly a union of two such independent states if that be agreeable to Belgrade, there came - as you know - repeated and various pressures on Montenegro and its democratic authorities which are continuing until the present day. These pressures were, inter alia, manifested by accusations for excessive levels of smuggling and crime in Montenegro against the Montenegrin government. I believe that the latest wave of disinformation of alleged stays of Radovan Karadzic in Montenegro is part of such

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fabrications. These filthy fabrications go as far as claiming that my brother has built a house in Niksic near the house where Karadzic's mother lives in order to allegedly provide better logistics for his hiding, although this is a house where I was born 41 years ago. It is not purely coincidental that this most recent disinformation on Karadzic's stay in Montenegro has been launched after the domestic and international public was informed of my letter of open support to President George Bush in relation to the Iraq crisis. I believe that it is clear to you that this was not exactly to the liking of all the centers of international politics. Since Belgrade has all the time been in the focus of the international community because of inadequate compliance of its obligations towards the Hague Tribunal and is the object of ongoing accusations that Ratko Mladic is hiding in Serbia, it seems as if someone wants Montenegro to be perceived in the same way as Serbia, and so they are launching such disinformation that Karadzic is hiding in Montenegro in order to put an end to a differentiated approach like that taken by the US Congress.

That the most recent disinformation on alleged Karadzic stay in Montenegro belongs absolutely to the realm of fiction is corroborated by the fact that immediately after it was launched SFOR started a sweeping search for Radovan Karadzic in Republika Srpska. Wouldn't it make sense to ask a logical question: why would any one conduct such an operation if they are in possession of information that he is in Montenegro? Karadzic and his supporters know well that in case he were to try to come to Montenegro he would immediately be arrested and extradited to The Hague.

In regard of these and other issues, as I have already said, our security agencies are in permanent contact with the representatives of the competent US services, which can provide you with relevant information. We are likewise in permanent contact with the US Embassy in Belgrade and the US Consulate in Podgorica.

I have presented to you all this information with a sense of utmost responsibility and respect and gratitude that I have for you.

Sincerely,

Milo Djukanović

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Trafficking in human beings is a new form of crime in the Region, and Montenegro is facing with it for the first time. Therefore, the Government of the Republic of Montenegro has undertaken numerous activities aimed to eradication of this type of crime in Montenegro.

I

In February 2001, the Government of Montenegro appointed *National Coordinator* for fighting against trafficking in human beings. In this way, we have supported the efforts within the framework of Stability Pact Task Force on Trafficking. He has assumed a new duty of cooperating with Interpol within the Ministry of Interior of Montenegro, and the Government appointed a new National Coordinator on June 4, 2003.

The Assembly of the Republic of Montenegro adopted the *amendments to Criminal Code of Montenegro* relating to introduction of criminal act of trafficking in human beings, punishable by imprisonment for between 1 and 10 years, and this amended Criminal Code came into force in June 2002.

The *Program for victim protection* in Montenegro was prepared in February 2001.

The Republic of Montenegro is currently applying Code on Criminal Procedure dated from 1977, which does not stipulate any specific investigating procedures employed in the USA or EU countries, nor does it contain any provisions regarding the protection of witnesses. A new Code on Criminal Procedure was not adopted earlier because this area was in the exclusive competency of the federal state. After the new Constitutional Charter of state union of Serbia and Montenegro was adopted, the subject of criminal procedure legislation came under competency of Montenegro. The work on draft Code on Criminal Procedure, in cooperation with OSCE experts, is in its final phase.

At the same time, a *Project Board* made up of the National Coordinator for combating trafficking in human beings, the National Coordinator for Gender Issues, the representatives of Government of the Republic of Montenegro, relevant international organizations (OSCE, IOM, Council of Europe, Save the Children, UNICEF, ICMC) and two

domestic non-governmental organizations (Safe Women's House and Montenegrin Women's Lobby) was formed.

In the area of *education*, we should point out the following: two seminars for basic training of members of police expert task force - with experts from Austrian Ministry of Interior as trainers; training for trainers - organized by experts from North London University; ten seminars organized by different NGOs.

Awareness raising campaign was also organized, and it consists of three parts. First two parts were aimed at all citizens of Montenegro and they lasted from June 2001 till March 2002. Third part of the campaign is under way, and it is aimed at children (persons under 18 years of age).

Save the Children is currently conducting *"Preventive program for combating trafficking in human beings in Montenegro"*, and it is being conducted in primary and secondary schools across Montenegro.

Police Special *Task Forces* for combating trafficking have been formed, on the level of the Ministry of Interior in 2001, as well as in all centers for security in Montenegro. Recently, this Task Force was recently placed under the auspices of the new Organized Crime Department at the Ministry of Interior.

By signing *Memorandum on understanding and cooperation* in October 2001, close cooperation between special police task forces and domestic non-governmental organizations that participate in fighting against trafficking of human beings was institutionalized. This is the first document of this kind made in the area of South-East Europe, and it includes NGOs – SOS hotline, Montenegrin Women's Lobby, Safe Women's House and Ministry of Interior Affairs.

II

The Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Montenegro, within its efforts to reveal and combat crimes related to trafficking of human beings, has had *extensive cooperation* with the following: The Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia, The Ministry of Public Order of Albania (Agreement on cooperation signed in 2001), Italian Interpol in Bar, UNMIK in Kosovo, State border service of Bosnia and Herzegovina, The Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Croatia.

Ministers of Interior Affairs of South Eastern Europe signed in Zagreb, on November 2001, *Statement on commitment to mechanisms for exchanging information on illegal trafficking in human beings*, among

them Montenegro, Bulgaria, all former Yugoslav Republics, Moldova, Albania, Turkey and donor countries – Greece, Switzerland, Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary and the USA. All these countries agreed to use channels of Regional SECI Center in Bucharest for exchange of information.

In the period from 1 January 2001 till end of April 2003, Ministry of Interior processed *28 cases of criminal acts of* mediation in prostitution (15), enslaving human beings (2) and trafficking in human beings (11 cases). When it comes to illegal migration and illegal crossing of state border, in year 2002, there have been 1064 illegal crossings of state borders, out of which 562 were successful, 235 were prevented 299 were revealed and inspectors found 38 foreigners who crossed the border illegally. This year, there were 70 illegal border crossing in Montenegro, 9 of which was successful, 18 prevented, 38 revealed and inspectors found 5 foreigners who crossed the border illegally. Most of illegal migrants were from Albania, Romania, Moldova, Ukraine, Bulgaria and China. The Ministry is taking preventive steps to reduce this number.

The Government of Montenegro has also established *close cooperation with OSCE and Council of Europe*, which provided assistance in coordination of activities in this area and organized seminars related to this subject. Montenegrin National Coordinator for fight against trafficking is coordinating all his activities with the OSCE Mission in Serbia and Montenegro, which is currently preparing inter-departmental strategy on anti-trafficking measures in Serbia and Montenegro.

Not only did Montenegro incorporate international standards relating to combating trafficking of human beings, but it has also undertaken extensive measures to make sure they are implemented in practice. For all mentioned results, the Republic of Montenegro was given remarkable recognition in reports of *IOM* from Geneva and *UNICEF*.

In the study *"Trafficking in human beings towards, through and from the Balkan Region"* made by *IOM* from Geneva, which was published by the *State Department*, it was pointed out that the Government of the Republic of Montenegro, as well as non-governmental organizations, take *"significant and intense"* care of the situation in this area. The development of an Action Plan for combating trafficking in human beings on and from its territory was also stressed in this Report.

In the *UNICEF Report*, Montenegro was marked as "an example of good practice" due to signing of Memorandum on cooperation and opening of the shelter for victims of trafficking in human beings.

III

The authorities in Montenegro have conducted the investigation in *trafficking case in Montenegro involving Moldavian citizen* in a professional manner. The final decision of Podgorica's Basic Court Prosecutor is a decision of judiciary, which is, according to the Constitution of Montenegro, *completely independent from the state bodies, and therefore, they did not interfere in judicial competencies in any way*. In this case, in all its phases, all elements of legal procedure were respected, including the independence of prosecutor. All those who have any doubts about this case and the fact that the law was respected are welcome to come to Montenegro and check all relevant data. In this way, both the Government of the Republic of Montenegro and the judiciary representatives would help eliminate any doubts anyone might have about properness of procedure in this case.

At the same time, due to increased interest in combating trafficking in human beings in Montenegro, highest official of the Montenegrin Government and National Coordinator for trafficking in human beings are, as always before, open to full cooperation with all interested international actors, EU, OSCE etc. They are willing to provide all data that might be needed in this regard proving Montenegro's strong determination to prevent this kind of crime and contribute to its eradication in any way it can.

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