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 February 28/04
(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. (ONLY) GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MONTENEGRO

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 ☐ N/A

If no, please attach the required amendment.

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:

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MONTENEGRO (SEE ATTACHMENT)

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.

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MONTENEGRO (SEE ATTACHMENT)

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.
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MONTENEGRO

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
☐ 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
☒ Legislators
☒ Government agencies
☐ Newspapers
☐ Editors
☒ Civic groups or associations
☐ Libraries
☒ Educational institutions
☐ 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])
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	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
FARA REGISTRATION UNIT
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

March 16/04
Date

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

HEAD OF MISSION
Title

Question 11/ the Government of the Republic of Montenegro

-Assistance with the visit of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Montenegro, Mr. Dragisa Burzan in Washington DC, September 20-23, 2003;

-Assistance with the visit of Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Montenegro, Mr. Dragan Djurovic and General Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Aleksandar Mostrokol, in Washington DC, February 8-12, 2004;

-Assistance with the visit of the Director of the Center for Democracy and Human rights in Montenegro (CEDEM), Mr. Srdjan Darmanovic, in Washington DC, March 2-4 2004

Delegations invited by US Administration, ngo-CSIS and US Congress.

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 IMF, to discuss developments in the region and ongoing assistance for Montenegro (see attachment);
-Contacts with NGO-s: CSIS, NDI, USIP and other institutions interested in helping Montenegrin non-governmental sector.

Question12/attachment/ Contact with US officials

September 2003

September 15th – Therese Grenciek, desk officer for Montenegro at the Department of State; discuss the upcoming visit of Minister Burzan;

September 22- Lisa Tepper, Director for Southeastern European Affairs, NSC; meeting along with Minister Burzan;

September 22-Erick Gaudiosi, Director of the Office of South-central European affairs; meeting along with Minister Burzan;

September 22 -Conference "US-Montenegrin Policy Forum"- Montenegro's Evolving Foreign and Security Policy; key note speakers Janusz Bugajski and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Montenegro, Mr. Dragisa Burzan;

September 23- Robert Hand, adviser in OSCE Commission of the US Congress; meeting along with Minister Burzan;

September 23- Bill Young, congressman; meeting along with minister Burzan.

October 2003

October 2-Office of Mr. Philip Merrill, chairman of the EXIM Bank; contact regarding Montenegro's participation at the Ex-im Southeast &Central Europe Conference in Bled, Slovenia;

October 10th –Reception at the Department of state/invitation by International Crises Group and Undersecretary Mark Grossman;

October 14th – Senator Elizabeth Dole; meeting to discuss humanitarian aspects of refugees in post-conflict countries on the Balkans;

October 22 – Teresa Grenciek, desk officer for Montenegro at the Department of State; meeting to discuss the latest developments in Montenegro;

October 23 – Dr. Kay A. King, professional staff in the Committee for international relation –House of Repepresenatives /US Congress; meeting to discuss minority rights in Montenegro;

October 27th –Jennifer Mitchell and Robin Lerner, advisors at the Department of State; meeting to discuss security issues in Montenegro;

November 2003

November 5th – Department of State, participation at the briefing on trafficking in person's situation in US and anti-trafficking initiatives;

November18 – Harry Glenn, Chief of Staff of Congressman Bill Young; Meeting to discuss foreign aid for Montenegro;

December 2003

December 2 – Sarah Farnsworth and Ann Convery, advisors at the USAID; meeting to discuss economic assistance for Montenegro;

December 10 – Silvia Savich and Lynn Whiteheart, advisors at the Department of Commerce; meeting to discuss possibilities for investments in Montenegro;

December 18th – Lisa Tepper, Director for Southeastern Europe-NSC; meeting to discuss the latest development in Montenegro

January 2004

January 5th –Steven Woehrel, Congressional Research Center; meeting to discuss upcoming trip of congressional staffers to Montenegro;

January 21 – Therese Grenciek, advisor for Montenegro at the Department of State; meeting to discuss upcoming visit of DPM Djurovic to the USA;

January 22 – Carl Mabbzeno, coordinator at the USAID; meeting and telephone conversation regarding implementation of the economic assistance for Montenegro;

February 2004

February 9th – Theresa Grenciek, advisor for Montenegro at the Department of State; meeting along with Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) of the Republic of Montenegro, Mr. Dragan Djurovic;

February 9th – Woody Mefford, deputy assistant Director of USAID; meeting along with DPM Djurovic;

February 10th – attended Conference on anti-trafficking initiative in Montenegro at CSIS along with Montenegrin and American officials;

February 10th - Congressman Bill Young; meeting along with DPM Djurovic;

February 10th –Congressman Robert Wexler; meeting along with DPM Djurovic;

February 11th – Lisa Tepper, Director for Southeastern Europe/NSC; meeting along with DPM Djurovic;

February 11th – Mira Ricardel, Assistant Secretary of Defense; meeting along with DPM Djurovic;

February 12th – Congressman Christopher Smith; meeting along with DPM Djurovic

February 25th –Conference "Current situation in Montenegro" Foreign Service Institute, Department of State

The Republic of Montenegro Trade Mission
For the period 09/01/03 - 02/29/04

Attachment to question 14(a):

Date	From Whom	Purpose		Amount
09/17/03	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Operating Purposes	$	40,693.00
10/06/03	Travelers Indemnity Co.	Insurance reimbursement		8,278.71
10/15/03	Travelers Indemnity Co.	Insurance reimbursement		995.00
10/20/03	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Operating Purposes		19,225.50
11/03/03	Travelers Indemnity Co.	Insurance reimbursement		2,657.67
11/18/03	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Operating Purposes		14,167.00
12/17/03	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Operating Purposes		14,414.17
01/21/04	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Operating Purposes		42,680.00
02/17/04	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Operating Purposes		16,190.68
			$	159,301.73

The Republic of Montenegro Trade Mission
For the period 09/01/03-02/29/04

Attachment for 15(a):

For the period 09/01/03-02/29/04

Accounting Expense	$	8,408.25
Auto Expenses		440.74
Bank Charges		40.00
Books		560.48
Cable TV		479.40
Charity		-
Consulting Fees		-
Dues & Subscriptions		1,090.62
Flood Repair & Maintenance		12,356.38
Fuel		337.09
Income Tax		-
Insurance		17,533.80
Interest		-
Internet Service		383.10
Late Payment fees		-
Laundry & Cleaning		4,335.24
Legal expenses		706.50
Licenses		-
Maintenance Expense		7,956.56
Meals & Entertainment		7,684.39
Medical		6,512.84
Miscellaneous expenses		-
Moving Expense		-
Office / Office equipment rental		-
Other expenses / translation		4,011.66
Other professional fees		4,097.96
Other taxes - Property tax		23,410.45
Other taxes - FARA		305.00
Parking expenses		2,596.47
Penalties and fines		-
Postage and delivery		415.52
Repairs Expense		29,048.68
Security		749.36
Supplies		4,981.67
Telephone Expense		9,425.16
Travel - Meals & lodging		55.00
Travel - local		2,577.09
Travel - other		5,709.24
Utilities Expense		8,737.08
Capital Expenditures:		
Principal payments, auto		-
Furniture & fixtures		6,225.55
Equipment		1,313.44
Leasehold Improvement		-
Total Expenses	$	172,484.72

Question 22&23

-We forward herewith, the invitation letter to the National Prayer Breakfast addressed to the Prime Minister of Montenegro from senators James Inhofe and Bill Nelson;

-We forward herewith, the letter addressed to senators James Inhofe and Bill Nelson from the Prime Minister of Montenegro;

- We forward herewith, the letter addressed to Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dragisa Burzan from Director of the Institute of World Politics John Lenszowski;

-We forward herewith, the letter addressed to Zorica Maric from the Director of CEEBIC, United States Department of Commerce;

-We forward herewith, the presentation of the DPM Dragan Djurovic at the CSIS Conference –Washington DC, on anti-trafficking initiatives in Montenegro.

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January 8, 2004

The Honorable Milo Djukanovic

Montenegro

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

On behalf of the Congressional Committee, we have the pleasure of inviting you to join us for the 52nd National Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, February 5, 2004, at the Hilton Washington in Washington, D.C. Annually, Members of Congress and the President of the United States have joined with other government officials, the diplomatic community, leaders from throughout the United States and friends like you from more than 160 countries to share in the spirit of friendship through prayer and thanksgiving. This gathering is a time when we set aside our differences, and seek to build and strengthen relationships through our love for God and concern for one another.

CRM/ISS REGISTRATION UNIT

Specifically designed for our international guests, the special activities surrounding the National Prayer Breakfast are an integral part of the actual Breakfast. International registration begins at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3rd at the Hilton Washington. A tentative schedule is enclosed. It would be our honor for you to join us for the entire schedule from Tuesday, February 3rd to Friday, February 6th.

Your prompt response is essential and greatly appreciated. If you plan to stay at the Hilton Washington, then the enclosed reservation form can be returned directly to the hotel. We sincerely hope you will be able to participate in this special time.

Sincerely,

James M. Inhofe Bill Nelson

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GOVERNMENT OF MONTENEGRO
THE PRIME MINISTER

Podgorica, 25. January 2004.

Dear Senators,

I would like to thank you most kindly for inviting me to take part in 52nd traditional National Prayer Breakfast to be held in Washington, D.C., on February 5, 2004.

I would like to take this opportunity and express my true admiration for this long tradition that symbolically embraces the messages and the spirit of peace and friendship among peoples.

However, I regret to inform you that due to unexpected state commitments I will unfortunately not be able to take part in this important occasion that gathers leaders of the world in their shared dedication to this highest civilizational values and goals.

I do hope that this gathering will be held in most excellent atmosphere in which all momentary differences can be put behind in the name of love to peace and God,

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Milo Đukanović

Senator Mr. James Inhofe
Senator Mr. Bill Nelson
Presidents of the Congressional Committee
for preparation of the National Prayer Breakfast
Washington D.C. - U S A

THE INSTITUTE OF WORLD POLITICS

October 14, 2003

H. E. Dr. Dragiša Burzan
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Embassy of the Republic of Montenegro
1610 New Hampshire, Ave.
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Dr. Minister,

We are honored that you were able to visit the Institute while in Washington, DC. It was a pleasure for me to inform you about our academic programs.

I am pleased to let you know that, in honor of the growing favorable relationship between the American and Montenegrin people, the Institute will offer a significant scholarship toward the tuition for courses that your students would take at the Institute of World Politics. I will inform you in more detail about this at the beginning of November.

In accordance with our conversation, I would suggest that a student serving as a full-time intern at your mission in Washington could reasonably take up to two courses in the spring semester (starting in January) and one course in the summer session.

Upon the completion of these courses, we will issue a Certificate of completion. The credit hours of these courses will also be honored by Boston University and are transferable to other institutions.

I know that the Montenegrin students will be a positive addition to our student body. I will be pleased to have Ambassador Melady be in direct contact with the head of your Washington mission on this matter.

With all my best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Lenczowski
Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
Washington, D.C. 20230

July 22, 2003

Ms. Zorica Maric-Ojordjevic
Republic of Montenegro Trade Representative Office
1610 New Hampshire Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Ms. Maric-Ojordjevic:

The Central and Eastern Europe Business Information Center (CEEBIC) cordially invites you and your colleagues to a business reception for U.S. companies interested in doing business in Central and Eastern Europe. The event will be held on September 19, 2003 at 2:30 pm in the Department of Commerce Lobby at 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

Since its inception, CEEBIC has worked closely with your government to promote commercial opportunities in your country. In fact, since 1991 CEEBIC has helped facilitate over $1.4 billion in U.S. investment in the region.

At the reception you will have the opportunity to meet with CEEBIC trade specialists based both in Washington and in Central and Eastern Europe, as well as representatives from over 200 U.S. companies.

Please contact Jennifer Gothard at (202) 482-2645 or by fax at (202) 482-3898 with the names of people from your embassy able to attend this event.

Sincerely,

Jay A. Burgess
Director

Dragan Djurovic
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior
Government of the Republic of Montenegro

AMERICAN-MONTENEGRIN FORUM
"MONTENEGRIN INITIATIVE
IN COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING"

(Washington DC, February 10, 2004)

Mr. Chairman,
Dear ladies and gentlemen,

It is my greatest honour and pleasure to participate in American – Montenegrin Forum dedicated to Montenegrin initiatives in combating human trafficking.

Combat against organized crime is the obligation of all democratic states, which joined in global trend of common combat against organized crime and, within it, against human trafficking. With this point of departure, I will avail of this opportunity to inform you about practical and legislative activities that the Government of Montenegro is conducting on combating human trafficking as one of the forms of organized crime.

Government of the Republic of Montenegro is continuously engaged in fight against human trafficking and it gives top priority to the cooperation that the Republic of Montenegro has in all international forums related to combating it. To that view, the Government has been continuously active on undertaking and implementing measures such as: adoption of international standards in combating human trafficking, providing technical and other forms of support to competent institutions, strengthening cooperation and exchange of information among relevant institutions, developing operational mechanisms in compliance with EU standards and exchange of information with the view to combating this form of organized crime at regional level.

Human trafficking is a new form of crime in the region of South Eastern Europe and it is now affecting Montenegro as a country of transit, too. Montenegro has understood the importance and complexity of the problem of human trafficking on time and therefore the Government of the Republic of Montenegro committed itself to combat this form of crime.

To that end, the Government has undertaken comprehensive measures in the last few years. It has appointed national coordinator for human trafficking. That gentleman is here with us today. For the first time, the Government has planned funds from the budget for 2004 for functioning of the national coordinator's office. The National coordinator, together with the OSCE, has been chairing the Project Board, which is vested with the task of establishing mechanisms for prevention of human trafficking and protection of potential trafficking victims. I think it is worth mentioning that this Project Board comprises national and international experts and representatives from non-governmental organizations.

In addition, the Government has proposed launching of the project of building shelter for victims of trafficking conjointly with the International Organization for Migrations. The Government has provided the premises for sheltering trafficking victims that have been furnished in compliance with European standards. In realization of the project, International Organization for Migrations has the executive role. After the tender procedure was over, a local non-governmental organization, Montenegrin Women's Lobby, was entrusted with running the shelter. Its representative is here with us today. I would also like to point out that the Dutch government has supported this project financially.

Regarding legislation, Montenegro has recently adopted Criminal Code, Law on Criminal Procedure and the State Prosecutor Act. All these laws were drafted with the assistance of the experts from the OSCE and Council of Europe.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Criminal Code, human trafficking is prosecuted as a criminal offence punishable by prison sentence of one to ten years. I think it is necessary to emphasise that criminal offence of human trafficking has been introduced in criminal legislation as of two years now and that its definition was given in compliance with the Protocol on Prevention, Elimination and Sanction of Human Trafficking, Particularly in Women and Children, that supplemented the UN Convention on Combating International Organized Crime.

The State Prosecutor Act stipulates that the State Prosecutor's Office will have a special unit for fighting organized crime to be headed by a special prosecutor. Montenegro did not have such an institute before.

The Law on Criminal Procedure introduced significant innovations that are leading to creation of efficient mechanisms in detecting and proving criminal offences related to organized crime. Our procedural law has for

the first time got the institute of "collaborator of justice", a person whose punishment can be mitigated or who can be acquitted of charges if s/he provides useful evidence; then, we have introduced the institute of witness protection; approval of simulated business dealings and simulated legal activities; deployment of undercover or secret agents; seizure or confiscation of the proceeds from crime etc. In addition, the Law on Criminal Procedure approaches the issue of organized crime in a comprehensive manner, and stipulates a special treatment for offences committed by more than one person and in an organized way.

Recently adopted Police Law and the Law on the Agency for National Security are surely not less important for preventing all forms of crime. They give the blueprint of the reform of the Ministry of the Interior that will contribute to better efficiency in protecting rights and freedoms and better fight against crime.

As a part of judiciary reform, and particularly for the sake of more efficient fight against organized crime, the law on witness protection that will regulate the witness' protection outside court will be adopted sometime this year.

The overall reforms that are being implemented in Montenegrin judiciary, prosecution and police nowadays have the goal of creating credible institutions of the legal state which will be authentic shield from organized crime.

In practical terms related to fight against human trafficking, the Government has demonstrated its readiness to accept and implement international standards in this field by adopting its Strategy for Prevention of Human Trafficking. The Strategy is largely based on the recommendations of the US Government and the OSCE Action Plan. It was drawn up in cooperation with the US Consulate in Podgorica and owing to the contribution of the OSCE and International Organization for Migration. The team that works on implementation of the Strategy has defined combat against child trafficking as a new standard that has to be tackled.

After the Government finishes harmonisation process led by the OSCE and Council of Europe, it will soon draft its Program of Combat against Corruption and Organized Crime that will presuppose creation of broadly accepted system of actions, measures and activities for combating all forms of organized crime, including prevention of human trafficking, too. The long-term outreach of this program aims to confine and eliminate

corruption and organized crime with all its destructive consequences for society, as much as it is possible. Concurrently, the Program will particularly emphasize the need to set up a more efficient institutional and legislative framework for successful fight against all forms of organized crime.

Ministry of Interior will form a special unit for combating human trafficking on the basis of the recommendations by the OSCE and other relevant international factors. That will be yet another token of our commitment to efficient combat against human trafficking.

Aware of the importance of making combat against organized crime become the focus of its cooperation with neighbouring countries and countries in the region, the Government of the Republic of Montenegro has signed bilateral agreements on cooperation in combating terrorism and organized crime. So far, such agreements were signed with Albania, FYROM (Macedonia) and Transitional Administration for Kosovo (UNMIK). Montenegro is going to propose that the same be done with other neighbours: Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Italy. Such cooperation has rendered one big result and that is: the arrest of former boss of human trafficking in the region. Montenegrin police arrested him after his flee from jail in FYROM (Macedonia).

However, I think it is worth mentioning here that, if cooperation with other countries on combating organized crime is to give results, the constituent states that form State Union of Serbia and Montenegro need to accede to membership of International Criminal Police (Interpol) separately. That is the stand of the Government of Montenegro. Such a request has been imposed by unorthodox relationship between Serbia and Montenegro within the state union, such as it is defined in Constitutional Charter.

It is important to emphasize that non-governmental sector has had important role in the overall process of combating human trafficking. In the forthcoming period this cooperation will be stepped up further.

Montenegro is interested in actively participating in endeavours that developed countries are making to combat human trafficking, as one form of organized crime, in an organized way. This commitment can best be illustrated by a high-profile trafficking case, in which some of top government and judiciary officials were among the suspects and the Government, decided to invite OSCE experts to come to Podgorica and analyse the case so as to avoid any suspicions of involvement of

executive authorities in that case. The Government has accepted almost all suggestions of the OSCE experts, which is another token of useful cooperation and yet another evidence that Montenegro is ready to accept democratic rules and publicly demonstrate its readiness to fight against organized crime.

I am reiterating my previous claim that Montenegro is decisive about standing up to organized crime in most serious manner. However, Montenegro needs financial support for its endeavours to give full contribution to combating organized crime. Due to its poor financial capacity and highly restrictive budget, required by the IMF and the World Bank, Montenegro cannot afford to fight organized crime in the way it has chosen.

Montenegro needs financial support for enforcement of the law, especially in the section of organized crime, police training and trainings for judiciary and prosecutors, as well as for purchasing better equipment for border crossings that have been transferred to member states Serbia and Montenegro for administering them respectively on their territories.