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 31 2005
(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant THE REPUBLIC OF MONTENEGRO TRADE MISSION TO THE USA, INC. (b) Registration No. 5199

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

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 ☐ 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:

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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
☒ 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])
SEPTEMBER 26/05	ZORICA MARIC

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 (circled) _____ 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.)

_____ September 26/05
Signature *Date*

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

HEAD OF MISSION
Title

U.S. Department of Justice

Criminal Division

Washington, DC 20530

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 statements for the following persons of your organization filed on the date indicated by each name. If a person is not still functioning in the same capacity directly on behalf of the foreign 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	09/28/2004		

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: [signature]

Date: September 26/05

Title: Head of the MISSION

Question 11/ the Government of the Republic of Montenegro

-Assistance with the visit of Dr Srdajan Darmanovic, Director of CEDEM –Center for Democracy and Human rights –Montenegro in Washington DC, from April 19-April 23;
-Assistance with the visit of Minister of Finance of the Republic of Montenegro, Mr. Igor Luksic in Washington DC, April 14 – April 20 (Spring meeting of IMF and the World Bank);
-Assistance with the visit of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Montenegro Mr. Miodrag Vlahovic in Washington DC, June 19-June 24;
-Assistance with the visit of the President of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro, Mr. Ranko Krivokapic in Washington DC, June 29-July 8

Delegations invited by the US Administration, IMF & The World Bank, Center of Strategic and International Studies, US Congress.

Question 12/ the Government of the Republic of Montenegro

- Representing interest of the Government of the Republic of Montenegro;
- -Coordination of the technical and economic assistance for Montenegro from USAID;
- -Contacts with US officials from the US Department of State, US Congress, representatives of the international financial institutions, to discuss developments in the regional and ongoing assistance for Montenegro (see attachment);
- -Contacts with NGO-s: CSIS, NDI, USIP and other institutions in helping Montenegrin non-governmental sector.

Question 12/attachment/Contacts with US officials

MARCH 2005

March 3 – Telephone conversation with Nathan Bein, desk officer for Montenegro at Pentagon: discussed the upcoming visit of Pentagon delegation to the region;

March 8- US Congress: Meeting with Julian Kim, senior advisor with US Congressional Research Centre-discussed last visit of staff-del to Montenegro;

March 9- Telephone conversation with Dr. Harlan Strauss, director of international programs: discussed his upcoming visit to Montenegro;

March 10- US State Department: Troy Pederson, desk officer for Montenegro-discussed bilateral relations;

March 18 – Johns Hopkins University: Attended Conference – "Protection project" on anti-trafficking initiatives in South Central Europe;

March 21 – US Congress: Michael Halzel, advisor to Senator Bidden-discussed the Balkan issues;

March 28 – US Department of State: Troy Pederson, desk officer for Montenegro-discussed bilateral relations;

March 31 – Business trip to New York/ meeting with Hecfeld&Rubin, P.c.

APRIL 2005

April 4 – US Department of State: telephone conversation and communication with Troy Pederson, desk officer for Montenegro with regard to the press release by Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Montenegro;

April 5 – US Department of State: meeting with Carol Meshese, senior advisor and John Lyle, Consultant, with regard to low enforcement programs for South Central Europe;

April 7 – Pentagon: Meeting with Dr. Harlan Strauss to discuss his recent visit to Montenegro;

April 12 – US Congress: Meeting with Harry Glen, chief of staff for Congressman Bill Young to discuss bilateral issues on security and economic development;

April 14 – US Congress: Attended hiring for Assistant secretary for Europe, Daniel Freed;

April 15 – US Treasury: Meeting with Nancy Lee, Deputy Assistant secretary-accompanied Minister of Finance of Montenegro, Igor Luksic;

April 19 – Attended Conference at CSIS/ American-Montenegrin Forum for Dr Srdjan Darmanovic, director of CEDEM- ngo from Montenegro;

April 22 – Attended Conference at Woodrow Wilson Institute for Dr. Srdjan Darmanovic – director of CEDEM – ngo from Montenegro.

MAY 2005

May 3 – National Security Council: Meeting with Bertram Braun, director for Eastern Europe to discuss US-Montenegro bilateral relations;

May 9 – US Congress: Telephone conversation with Bets Fillips, advisor to Congressman Colby, with regard to the foreign aid for South Eastern Europe;

May 12 – Attended Conference at New Atlantic Initiative on the legal issues of the New European Constitution;

May 13 – US Congress: Meeting with Elizabeth Stewart, foreign policy advisor to Senator Gordon Smith, to discuss the upcoming Co-del visit to the region;

May 18 – US Congress: Attended hiring for Assistant Secretary of State for political affairs, Nicolas Burns;

May 27 – US Congress: Contact with Paul Grove, advisor to Senator Mitch McConnell- discuss foreign aid bill;

May 31 – US Department of State: Telephone conversation with Troy Pederson, desk officer for Montenegro, to discuss the upcoming visit of Minister of Foreign affairs of the Republic of Montenegro, Miodrag Vlahovic;

JUNE 2005

June 8 – Attended Conference at Woodrow Wilson Institute for Misha Gleni on the regional issues;

June 13 – Contact with Charles English, director for South Central European affairs at the US Department of State – discussed the upcoming visit of Minister Vlahovic;

June 16 – US Congress: Telephone conversation with Jason Stambaum, Chief of Staff in the office of Congressman Eliot Engel to discuss Congressman Engel upcoming trip to Montenegro;

June 19 – June 24: Accompanied Minister of Foreign affairs of the Republic of Montenegro, Miodrag Vlahovic during the following meetings with the US officials in Washington DC:

-NSC- Bertram Braun;
-US Department of State-Charles English;
US Congress: Congressman Tom Lantos, Congressman Bill Yong, Congressman Henry Hide

JULY 2005

July 1 – July 8: Accompanied President of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapic during the following meetings with the US officials in Washington DC:
-US Department of State: Undersecretary Paola Dobrijanski;
-US Congress: meetings with Congressional leaders during XiV Assembly of ESCE Countries in Washington DC;

July 12 – Pentagon: Attended farewell reception for Mira Ricardel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense;

July 13 – USAID : Meeting with Keith Simons, coordinator and Joseph Taget USAID Mission Director for Montenegro, to discuss economic aid and assistant projects for Montenegro;

July 21 – USIP: Attended Conference at the US Institute of Peace for USAID experts on Balkan issues;

July 29 – September 3: International trip to Montenegro/vocation.

The Republic of Montenegro Trade Mission
For the period 03/01/05 - 08/31/05

Attachment to question 14(a):

Date	From Whom	Purpose		Amount
03/09/05	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Operating Purposes	$	17,102.46
04/11/05	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Operating Purposes		16,080.00
04/26/05	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Transportation Expenses		1,259.91
04/27/05	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Transportation Expenses		2,928.41
05/06/05	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Operating Purposes		14,065.50
06/03/05	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Operating Purposes		12,405.00
07/05/05	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Operating Purposes		21,160.00
08/04/05	Republic of Montenegro - Foreign Affairs	For Operating Purposes		40,508.00
			$	125,509.28

The Republic of Montenegro Trade Mission
For the period 03/01/05 - 08/31/05

Attachment for 15(a):

For the period 03/01/05 - 08/31/05

Accounting Expense	$	10,452.00
Auto Expenses		3,237.82
Bank Charges		160.00
Books		275.75
Cable TV		623.36
Charity		270.00
Consulting Fees		-
Dues & Subscriptions		313.61
Flood Repair & Maintenance		-
Fuel		541.21
Income Tax		200.00
Insurance		20,798.81
Interest		-
Internet Service		383.10
Late Payment fees		-
Laundry & Cleaning		4,888.19
Legal expenses		-
Licenses		-
Maintenance Expense		2,619.43
Meals & Entertainment		4,632.05
Medical		1,032.68
Miscellaneous expenses		-
Moving Expense		-
Office / Office equipment rental		13.98
Other expenses / translation		3,015.00
Other professional fees		800.00
Other taxes - Property tax		30,127.58
Other taxes - FARA		305.00
Parking expenses		2,813.50
Penalties and fines		30.00
Postage and delivery		415.52
Promotion		4,526.70
Repairs Expense		4,197.57
Security		354.82
Supplies		4,436.46
Telephone Expense		7,526.44
Travel - Meals & lodging		952.43
Travel - local		1,458.00
Travel - other		6,472.05
Utilities Expense		9,887.64
Capital Expenditures:		
Furniture & fixtures		-
Equipment		1,281.00
Leasehold Improvement		-
Total Expenses	$	129,041.70

Question 22 & Question 23 (attachment)

-We forward herewith the correspondence of Congressman Tom Lantos to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Montenegro, Mr. Milo Djukanovic with regard to the Albanian minorities;

-We forward herewith the Press realize of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Montenegro, Mr. Miodrag Vlahovic to the US Department of State.

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RE: Letter to follow from Congressman Lantos to Prime Minister Ojukanovic.

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June 27, 2005

His Excellency Milo Djukanovic
Prime Minister of the Republic of Montenegro
Offices of the Government
Podgorica, Montenegro

Mr. Prime Minister:

On January 25, 2004, you responded to my letters of September 4 and October 3, 2003, regarding my observations about the status and treatment of ethnic Albanians in Montenegro. The issues that I raised in those letters were based on my August 2003 trip to your country, my involvement with the Albanian dimension of the Balkan conflict since the 1980s, information from oral and written reports by experts on Southeastern Europe, and private discussions and public Congressional hearings with Albanians and Albanian Americans from Montenegro.

I also had an opportunity to raise some of these same issues with His Excellency Miogran Vlahovic, the Foreign Minister of the Republic of Montenegro, when he visited me in my office this week. We discussed the status of ethnic Albanians in Montenegro, and I received his assurances that he would convey my concerns to your government. I am taking this opportunity by letter to raise with you once again my concerns about the status of Albanians and other minorities in Montenegro.

Of particular concern to me are issues regarding local government in areas where ethnic Albanians constitute a majority or a substantial minority of the local population. Clearly giving increased autonomy and responsibility to local governments is one of the best means of dealing with the legitimate concerns of ethnic Albanians in Montenegro. Local governments are closer to the problems and democratically elected officials at the local level should include many representatives who are ethnic Albanians.

Ulqin, one of the Albanian majority cities that I visited when I was in Montenegro, is deprived of authority over land ownership, tourism, local police forces, the local judicial system, education, local healthcare, and local social and cultural institutions. The tourism industry in Ulqin produces enormous revenues, but the local Ulqin government receives only small amounts to support municipal services. In the long run, lack of investment in local infrastructure will harm not only the Albanian majority in Ulqin but the entire country. I urge that your government allocate additional revenues from the tourism industry so that Ulqin can support adequate municipal

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Thank you for your message. I have got in touch with John. We will meet tomorrow.

Please find enclosed the latest press release regarding meeting of Minister Vlahovic and Russian Consul Vladimir Vaniev. The statement reflects strong objection of the GOM and Minister Vlahovic to some cements and allegations expressed by Council Vaniev pertaining to the process of privatization of KAP.

Should you have any question, please feel free to contact me.

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Press release by Montenegrin Foreign Ministry

Montenegrin Foreign Minister Miodrag Vlahovic met today with Russian Consul General in Podgorica Vladimir Vaniev. The motive for the meeting, which was scheduled at the initiative of the Montenegrin Foreign Ministry was the statement issued by Consul General Vaniev regarding the privatization of the Podgorica-based Aluminum Plant (KAP), which was recently published by Montenegrin media.

Minister Vlahovic expressed his outright objection to the allegations and affirmed Montenegro's strong and uncompromising determination to carry out a lawful and transparent privatization of the Podgorica Aluminum Plan, in accordance with the KAP Privatization Strategy, the document regulating the company's privatization. The process of KAP's privatization, Vlahovic said, would be conducted with the assistance of international consultants and under the supervision of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development funding international consulting services and every effort would be made to protect the interests of Montenegro and its citizens. Arguing that the privatization was one of the key elements of Montenegro's transition, Vlahovic stressed that any attempt to interfere and exercise external influence would have a negative and counter-productive effect on the process.

Showing disagreement with Vaniev's allegations concerning media, Vlahovic accentuated the independent position of the media who autonomously created their own policy, which was part overall democratic development of Montenegro and its society.

Minister Vlahovic placed particular emphasis on Montenegro's readiness to cooperate with other countries on the principles of equality and mutual regard, which he said was an essential requirement for Montenegro to communicate and cooperate with other countries on mutually acceptable grounds.

Consul General Vaniev pointed out that his statement had not been fully and correctly communicated by the media, and that his public comment was not meant to interfere in internal affairs of the Republic of Montenegro.