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**Letter dated 8 December 2015 from the Permanent Representative
of Montenegro to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the decision of the Parliament of Montenegro, entitled “Resolution on support to Montenegro’s integration to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)”, adopted on 16 September 2015 (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 8 December 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Montenegro to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General*

Proceeding from the Preamble of the Constitution of Montenegro in which the commitment to equal cooperation with other nations and states has been stressed, and to European and Euro-Atlantic integration, in accordance with the constitutional competencies and national priorities — accession to the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), with the aim of further strengthening regional stability and security;

Pointing out that the full NATO membership of Montenegro guarantees most important values: peace and security, territorial integrity and sovereignty, further improvement of the rule of law and democracy, protection of human and minority rights, improvement of the quality of life of every individual and the entire society;

Bearing in mind the historical experiences in the region of the Western Balkans, both in the distant and the recent past — experiences of instability with tragic consequences, as well as contemporary global security challenges;

Reminding that the official relations between Montenegro and NATO began on 29 November 2006, with the invitation for membership in the Partnership for Peace sent to Montenegro; that the NATO Summit, held in Wales in September 2014, opened the possibility for NATO to decide by the end of 2015 on Montenegro's readiness to join the Alliance; that Montenegro has been in the implementation phase of the Fifth Annual National Programme, and in the period of intensified and focused talks with NATO, and that it has been committed to full implementation of the remaining commitments in key areas: rule of law, defence sector reform, security sector reform and strengthening of public support, as to confirm its readiness to be successful, dedicated and credible member of the Alliance.

Towards a concrete contribution to the achievement of those goals, abiding by the commitments contained in the Resolution on the necessity of accelerating the process of integration of Montenegro into the European and Euro-Atlantic structures of 9 October 2008;

Pursuant to Article 82, paragraph 1, item 3 and Article 91 paragraph 1 of the Constitution of Montenegro, the Parliament of Montenegro of the 25th Convocation, at the Sitting of the Fourth Extraordinary Session in 2015, on 16 September 2015, adopted the

Resolution on support to Montenegro's integration to NATO

1. In the period since the restoration of statehood, Montenegro has clearly demonstrated that its strategic state priorities were that of European and Euro-Atlantic integration. Convinced that the achievement of these objectives was the basis and condition for long-term stability of preservation and improvement of economic and democratic environment, which would intensify the investments and ensure further economic development and further improvement of security and the rule of law, this way showing dedication and commitment to achieving standards that lead to NATO membership of Montenegro.

* Issued without formal editing.

2. Full NATO membership is a strategic goal of Montenegro and represents our historical chance to provide our country, the citizens and future generations with safe and respectable place in the family of developed democratic nations and states.
3. NATO membership is the interest of Montenegro and the whole society. It is not an exclusive choice either of the authorities, whichever political party or any other political or intellectual elite. Therefore, for the achievement of the objective of acquiring full membership, we will intensify direct, constructive, open and permanent dialogue at all levels and with all citizens. The dialogue devoid of unilateral interests, of everyday political banter, prejudice and irrational emotions; the dialogue between all political actors, dialogue with civil society, the media, the professional public. Such dialogue will help us expand social consensus regarding NATO integration; the consensus that will gather citizens around common interests — progress, prosperity, rule of law and the security of the country, society and all individuals.
4. We call on all relevant state institutions, legislative, executive and judicial authorities to further intensify their activities, within the framework of their competences, respecting the constitutional principle of separation of powers, with the aim of high-quality and full realization of the integration agenda, strengthening the rule of law, strengthening the reform of the security services and strengthening the independence of institutions, being the inner need of our society and an important condition for achieving this key interest of the country.
5. By aspiring to achieve full NATO membership, Montenegro makes a significant step towards the consolidation of regional stability, which is of crucial importance for all countries and peoples in the Western Balkans. This will be the best path for strengthening peace and stability both in the region and in the wider international level.
6. Integration of Montenegro into the European and Euro-Atlantic structures cannot and will not be an obstacle for the development of bilateral relations and cooperation with other countries, with traditional partners and friends, with whom relations are based on centuries-long cooperation.
7. With the NATO membership, we want to be an active factor of permanent assurance of peace, stability and security for Montenegro; Montenegro in a stable regional environment; Montenegro, which can respond to current and future security challenges, such as organized crime, corruption, terrorism, religious and national extremism, cybercrime; Montenegro, which decides on an equal footing, while preserving its interests.
8. With the full NATO membership, Montenegro becomes part of the family of nations that have stronger economy, higher living standards, stronger institutions, more developed democracy; Montenegro will, as a member of the NATO Alliance, continue with reforms aimed at achieving and promoting of values of the North Atlantic Treaty, through the strengthening of the rule of law, promotion of individual freedoms and rights, development of democracy and building of open institutions; it will be an important incentive for acceleration and successful completion of negotiations on full membership of Montenegro in the European Union.
9. Montenegro remains committed to the rights and obligations arising from past engagements with the European Union, the United Nations, the Council of Europe,

the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and other relevant international organizations.

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