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Strengthening of the United Nations system**Note verbale dated 11 November 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

The Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to enclose herewith the declaration of the Government of Montenegro on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the United Nations, adopted on 22 October 2015 (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations would be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 122, "Strengthening of the United Nations system".



Annex to the note verbale dated 11 November 2015 from the Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On the occasion of United Nations Day, 24 October, which this year marks the seventieth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, the Government of Montenegro, at its session held on 22 October 2015, adopted the following declaration:

- Montenegro reconfirms its unwavering commitment to the preamble, purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, which equally today, as in 1945, represents the bedrock of international law and the basis for conducting global actions and guiding relations between States. Montenegro is devoted to the international order that is based on respect of international legal obligations, especially those arising from the Charter of the United Nations.
- Montenegro pays tribute to the United Nations for its accomplishments and results during the past seven decades in achieving the ideals of the Charter of the United Nations. We particularly emphasize the role and contribution of the world Organization in the maintenance and strengthening of international peace and security, economic and democratic development, the promotion of human rights and freedoms and the eradication of poverty. A strong United Nations, as a main pillar of multilateralism, which will continue to provide effective responses to ever more complex global threats, will be even more necessary in the future.
- Montenegro recognizes this growing need and takes a responsible approach to the reform of the United Nations system, so that the Organization will be in position to successfully respond to the complex challenges it faces. In this vein, by gathering all United Nations agencies under the roof of the United Nations Eco Building, as well as by promoting their coherent and effective work, Montenegro continues to develop the implementation of the “Delivering as One” concept in the country. In the context of United Nations reform, we also underscore the need for early and comprehensive reform of the Security Council, with the aim of bringing the membership and actions of this body into line with modern geopolitical realities and challenges.
- Montenegro remains strongly dedicated to the strengthening of regional and international peace, firmly convinced that emphasis should be placed on the preventive approach: peaceful and diplomatic methods and tools as the best way to ease tensions and achieve the lasting solution of conflicts. Montenegro will strive to increase its presence and engagement in United Nations peacekeeping operations, in this manner directly contributing to stabilizing crisis situations.
- As a country that cherishes and that, throughout history, has been able to preserve its multi-ethnic, multicultural and multi-religious harmony and tolerance, Montenegro places a high premium on respect for and the promotion of human rights and the rule of law at the national as well as the international level, based on the principles of equality and respect for human dignity and diversity. Montenegro reconfirms its devotion to actively participating in the work of United Nations bodies that have the mandate to ensure the improvement of human rights for all persons, first and foremost in

the work of the Human Rights Council. We reaffirm our commitment to the principle that human rights are universal, inalienable and indivisible.

- In accordance with its constitutional commitment, Montenegro is strongly attached to sustainable development, which, in all of its dimensions, represents our national strategic directive and guideline. Aware of the universality of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, we recognize the importance and the obligation to make, through our dedicated efforts, the greatest possible contribution to their global implementation in order to achieve sustainable development, human dignity for all and the eradication of extreme poverty in the world.
 - Montenegro will continue to be a reliable and responsible partner to the United Nations, with steadfast dedication to the activities in promoting universal values and attaining our common goals.
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