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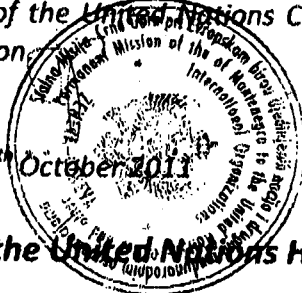
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The Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to enclose the answers of Montenegro to the Questionnaire about Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The Permanent Mission of Montenegro avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the the Office of the United Nations Commissioner for Human Rights assurances of its highest consideration.

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***Subject: The answers on questionnaire of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights about Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities***

**1. and 2.**

Inclusion of persons with disabilities in political and public life is one of our permanent tasks, and, consequently, the following legal acts are passed :

- the Law on Organization of Persons with disabilities
- the Law on Prohibition of Discrimination
- the Amendments of the Law on Election of Deputies and Members of Parliament
- the Amendments of the Law on Voter Lists
- also, is performed an analysis of the accessibility of buildings used as polling stations
- the Internal rules of the Parliament of Montenegro and local self-government are amended (the Councils for the Care of People with disabilities were introduced)
- the Amendments of the Regulation on the Allocation of Revenues from Games of Chance (the new law is in procedure)
- the new Law on Ombudsman

**3. a), b), c) and 6.**

The signing of the Protocol on Cooperation between local authorities and organizations of persons with disabilities and organizing and holding of educational seminars with representatives of those organizations is one of the way of collaborations and activity.

This year was organized cycle of the workshops ( in the frame of Program of Education Against Discrimination) for all those who come into contact with cases of discriminations in order to improve sense for work with those persons and to provide more efficient care to those persons.

It is already realized, in cooperation with OSCE and NGO "CEDEM" an educational workshop, aimed at employees in public administration, judiciary ( judges, prosecutors, police ) and other independent institutions and organizations ( NGOs and the Ombudsman ), for the more quality and more efficient work in fighting discrimination and providing protection to persons with disabilities.

The workshop which held at the beginning of October, and it was led by the members of CAHPAH (European Co-ordination Forum for the Council of Europe Disability Action Plan 2006-2015), Mr. V. Pesic and Mrs. S. Lazova-Zdravkovska - ex Chairperson of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on the participation of people with disabilities in political and public life (CAHPAH-PPL). They share with the participants their knowledge and their experiences from their own countries (Serbia and FYR Macedonia) and, also their experiences from CAHPAH.

Also, this year was organized a wide media campaign to raise awareness of overall population and promote anti-discrimination behavior, especially when it comes to people with disabilities.

The promotion include the broad media campaign in audio, visual and printed media with the anti-discrimination message : "No one can be on the margin !".

TV spots on all TV stations in Montenegro, radio and newspaper advertisements in all daily newspapers, leaflets and billboards around the Montenegro are pointed to discrimination which we must fight.

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The National Agency for Statistics (MONSTAT) had standardized (before the new census which held at April this year), a questionnaire in order to obtain more accurate records of people with disabilities.

Also, the Ministry for Human and Minority Rights was required to formulate the Rulebook and forms for adequate registration of each individual case of discrimination. So, all state bodies, including judiciary, that come into contact with the cases of discrimination against persons with disabilities are obliged to keep the register in order to process such cases, and also to make them more visible.