

618th Meeting of the Forum for Security Co-operation
FSC Coordinator on Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition
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Visit of Potential Donors to Montenegro/MONDEM Programme 28-29 September 2010

Please allow me as the FSC coordinator for Stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition to provide you with some information on an upcoming donors visit to Montenegro

The Minister of Defence of Montenegro, the UNDP Country Office Montenegro and the OSCE Mission to Montenegro have the pleasure of extending an invitation to FSC participating States for a MONDEM Programme Donor Conference to be organized in Podgorica, Montenegro on 28 and 29 September 2010.

The visit will focus on the two remaining components of the MONDEM Programme: Ammunition Demilitarization and Stockpile Management as well as demonstrate the results of the successfully completed project on elimination of toxic waste.

Despite wide acknowledgement and strong support the MONDEM Programme is experiencing difficulty in mobilizing resources to enable the full completion of these components. In view of this and in order to attract more donors, the Conference will, among others, include updated information on the implementation of the MONDEM Programme, a presentation on the "Poliex" and "Tara Aerospace" ammunition demilitarization facilities and visits to the "Taras" and the "Brezovik" ammunition depots.

A formal invitation and a tentative itinerary for the Donors Conference are attached.

For more information on the event please do not hesitate to contact me or the CPC FSC Support Section.



Country Office Montenegro

Ministry of Defence of Montenegro

Podgorica, 19 July 2010

Excellencies,

The Ministry of Defence of Montenegro, the UNDP Country Office Montenegro and the OSCE Mission to Montenegro have pleasure in extending this invitation to you for your participation in the MONDEM¹ Programme Donor Visit/Conference to be organized in Podgorica, Montenegro on 28 and 29 September 2010.

The achievements of the MONDEM Programme are contributing to a safer and more secure Montenegro. Many of you as donors to the programme have provided us with invaluable funding support and on several occasions have shared with us a sense of appreciation with its implementation. Two out of four components of the MONDEM Programme have been successfully completed: the Destruction and Recycling of Heavy Weapon Systems on which you will recall the dismantling and melting for scrap of 60 T-55 tanks and 100 field artillery pieces, and conveyed a powerful message that Montenegro was poised for a new era of peace. Secondly, the Disposal of Toxic Hazardous Substances, saw the *mélange* oxidizer dispose of over 115 tonnes in total, out of the Bay of Kotor in a safe and efficient manner, removing a serious threat to public health and the environment and enabling development perspectives of the beautiful bay.

The two other components, Ammunition Demilitarization and Stockpile Management, are ongoing. On the Ammunition Demilitarization Capacity Development, after successfully demilitarizing some 450 tonnes of conventional ammunition in the facilities in Montenegro within Phase I, our focus is now on the highest priority, unstable ammunition, and then Phases II and III. In regard to Stockpile Management and Security, work on the infrastructure upgrade on one of the ammunition depots (Taras) has commenced. We expect it to be completed by end of the year. The project design for the other depot (Brezovik) is being prepared. Its implementation is fully dependent on the availability of resources, which have to be mobilized.

Despite wide acknowledgement and strong support to this complex and high risk programme, we are experiencing difficulty in mobilizing resources to enable the full completion of the two remaining programme components. We therefore look forward to the conference as a forum where we can discuss these issues, including the funding gaps. In view of that we are providing you herewith with a detailed update of the implementation of the MONDEM Programme, which is vital for the security of the communities and environment of Montenegro, in particular to the strengthening of confidence and security building measures in the whole region. We consider this programme as a direct contribution to up-grading Montenegro to the highest international standards, which is critical for a successful process of Euro-Atlantic integration of the country.

Please find attached the draft agenda for the conference. For confirmation of your attendance or for additional inquiries, please contact the Cabinet of the Assistant Minister of Defence, Colonel Rifet Kosovac at e-mail mr@mod.co.me or tel. + 382 20 483 297.

Sincerely Yours,

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Resident Representative

Boro Vučinić
Minister of Defence

Ambassador Paraschiva Badescu
Head of Mission

All OSCE FSC Heads of Delegations
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¹ joint Government of Montenegro/UNDP/OSCE Capacity Development Programme for SALW (Conventional Ammunition) Demilitarization and Safe Storage for Montenegro



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Organization for Security and
Co-operation in Europe
Mission to Montenegro

Tentative Itinerary
MONDEM¹ Donor Visit/Conference
Montenegro
28 and 29 September 2010.

27 September 2010

20:00 – 22:00 Welcome Reception, the “Podgorica” Hotel, Podgorica
Minister of Defence, UNDP Resident Representative / UN Co-ordinator,
OSCE Head of Mission

28 September 2010

09:00 Welcome in the Ministry of Defence of Montenegro
MONDEM Programme presentation
Presentation of the “Poliex” and “Tara Aerospace” Ammunition
Demilitarization Facilities

Discussion

11:45 The “Taras” Ammunition Depot, Danilovgrad

12:45 The “Brezovik” Ammunition Depot, Niksic

14:00 Lunch, the “Koliba” Restaurant, Niksic

17:00 Podgorica
The evening free

29 September 2010

08:00 Departure to the Port of Tivat

09:30 Boarding, the “Jadran” Sailing Ship of the Navy of Montenegro
The Bay of Kotor, the Lustica peninsula (the former storage site for melange
oxidizer), stop and visit to the Ammunition Depot in Pristan (wing rockets...)

13:00 Lunch on the “Jadran” Ship

14:30 The Port of Tivat

16:00 Arrival in Podgorica

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