



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

3 May 2016

Excellency,

I wish to thank you for your letter dated 31 March 2016, and for the excellent cooperation between Montenegro and the United Nations during your time in office.

I welcomed the active role you played as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Montenegro in supporting the efforts of the United Nations to address global challenges. In particular, I am grateful for your cooperation in defining the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in advancing the climate change negotiations.

I take this opportunity to also express my appreciation for the positive role you have played in fostering regional cooperation in the Western Balkans.

It has been a privilege to work with you and I look forward to our paths crossing again.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency  
Mr. Igor Lukšić  
Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister  
for Foreign Affairs and European Integration  
of Montenegro  
Podgorica

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The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency Mr. Igor Lukšić, former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Montenegro.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edmond Mulet', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Edmond Mulet  
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency  
Mr. Željko Perović  
Permanent Representative of Montenegro  
to the United Nations  
New York

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Cabinet du Secrétaire général*

To: CDC (through ODSG),

Please find attached, for your approval and SG's signature,  
a reply letter to the former DPM and FM of Montenegro.

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Political Unit  
3 May 2016

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Note to Mr. Mulet

**DRAFT LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE OUTGOING  
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF MONTENEGRO**

Please find attached, for the Secretary-General's approval and signature, a draft letter addressed to H.E. Mr. Igor Lukšić, the outgoing Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro.

A transmittal letter from you to the Permanent Representative of Montenegro is also attached.



Jeffrey Feltman  
29 April 2016

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**Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations  
New York**

**No: 1377/ 2016**

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 a letter from from H.E. Mr. Igor Lukšić, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Montenegro addressed to H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations.

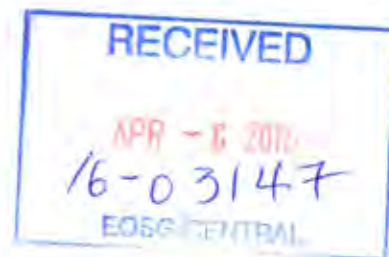
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New York, 6 April 2016



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New York**





Montenegro

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration

ACTION *Mr. Feltman (email)*

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Podgorica, March 31, 2016

*Mr. Van Laere (email)*  
*AG*

Dear Secretary General,

As I am about to leave the position of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro by mid-April, and officially enter the campaign for the position you have covered so remarkably well for the past decade, I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for your unique contribution to the outstanding quality of cooperation my country has had with the United Nations.

Montenegro is celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the restoration of its independence this year. Our tumultuous history was marked by constant fight for freedom which forged the spirit of the nation. It brings me special sense of joy and gratitude to be a part of generation that brought back the name of Montenegro to the world map, 90 years after it was erased in the turmoil of the Great War. Although one of the youngest and smallest countries in Europe, we have built stable democracy and excellent relations with countries in the region, Europe and worldwide, the last recognition of which was demonstrated by the invitation to join NATO alliance.

The first decade of our independence coincides with your mandate as the UN Secretary General. Ever since we have joined the World Organization, we have demonstrated strong interest to be an active partner within the UN system, in which we have been firmly supported by you personally and your team. Montenegro has been involved in all the crucial processes

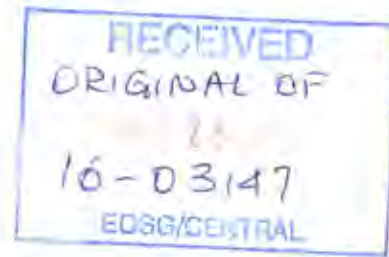
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Secretary-General of the United Nations

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## Montenegro

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that took place during your mandate, particularly in the Climate Change negotiations and definition of the post 2015 Development Agenda. Throughout this time, we have cherished an excellent cooperation with the UN system in Montenegro, which as a result had one of the first UN eco-buildings in the world, built in our capital, to stand as a permanent monument of our joint success.

The highest level leadership positions that I have held as a civil servant in the service of Montenegro, have given me the opportunity to serve not just the Government of Montenegro, but also the people of Montenegro and the idea of Montenegro that I had the honour to represent – European democracy, modern, vibrant, resonant country with all its multi-ethnic and multi-cultural diversities and civilizational splendor.

I feel privileged for having had the opportunity to serve as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro, and previously as Prime Minister and Minister of Finance all these years. Sense of pride for the foreign policy endeavors that Montenegro achieved I will continue to cherish for the rest of my life.

Your Excellency,

During your mandate great achievements were reached, namely through realization of the Millennium Development Goals, definition of the SDG's and endorsement of the Paris Climate Change Agreement. Allow me to say that you are leaving your successor a vast and enormously important agenda to deliver. Nevertheless, remaining challenges continue to evolve, and new emerge, which calls for closer cooperation of all the actors in defining and applying smart and efficient solutions for common good. It was a true privilege cooperating with you.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration and friendly regards.



Prof. Dr. Igor Lukšić





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