

**ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF MONTENEGRO
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AT THE UNITED NATIONS
CLIMATE SUMMIT**

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Distinguished Chair,
Your Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, I wish to express my gratitude to the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon for the organization of the Climate Summit. The Summit is an exceptional opportunity for the UN member states, representatives of public, private and civil sectors to present their estimates and ideas with a view to reducing the greenhouse gas emissions and strengthening the climate resistance. The Summit is also an opportunity to mobilize the political will towards the global 2015 Agreement. The fact that the Summit is not a part of the negotiation process within the UN Framework Convention (UNFCCC) contributes to the acceptance of opinions and ideas from various levels and sectors.

Montenegro has an active and constructive relation towards the negotiations within this Framework Convention and attributes great attention to other international initiatives supporting the UN efforts in reaching a new international agreement on climate.

The necessity for the Agreement and the importance of reaching and implementing it, were reflected in the April Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). These estimates warn us and direct us towards strengthening of global efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Given the major differences in the level of development of countries and regions, and their diverse contribution to GHG emissions, national governments observe this issue differently and in the context of other policies - such as the issues of energy security and the set of development policies in line with the Millennium

Development Goals (MDG). Therefore, it is necessary to change the positions on energy consumption and foster relevant researches in the field of climate change trends.

The best approach to understanding responses to climate changes is through the economic benefit from the implementation of green technologies. Countries and regions that are committed to the implementation of these technologies, in accordance with the principles of sustainable development, will have an opportunity to solve other problems such as unemployment, to eradicate poverty and build up a human-oriented society.

We have understood this a long time ago in Montenegro. That is why we proclaimed in our Constitution that Montenegro is an Ecological State. In our national policies, we defined measures towards reduction of GHG emissions in accordance with the policies of the EU and the UN. In our development plans, we give priority to green investment capital.

As a recognized tourism destination, Montenegro treats the elimination of environmental pollution sources as a development policy. Thereby we contribute to the overall climate resistance in accordance with the size of the country and population.

Montenegro strongly supports reaching of the international legal agreement on climate in 2015. We are certain that humanity can and must find the answers to human-induced climate changes. Especially since the effects of its implementation would strengthen the role of the UN and positively shape the global relations towards a more stable human-oriented world.

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, we must send a strong and single message from this summit conveying the necessity of reaching the agreement and we must commit to working together on it in a positive synergy. I expect that our today's gathering would bring us one step closer to a greener, more climate-resistant and more sustainable future of the Earth.

Thank you for your attention.