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**Subject: Western Balkans Ministerial Conference on Climate Change**

Your Excellencies,

On behalf of the Government of Montenegro, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Montenegro and the Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands we would like to inform you that due to objective circumstances the first Western Balkans Ministerial Conference on Addressing Climate Change through Mitigation and Adaptation, that was scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of November and for which invitations letters were sent in May is cancelled.

During consultations at the final stage of the preparatory process the organizers shared the view that more time and consultations at the expert and political level are needed to establish an appropriate framework in which Climate Change issues in the Western Balkans can be discussed in a strategic and productive manner. Developing of a common regional platform was originally proposed to serve as an input to Poznan COP meeting and a basis for Post Kyoto negotiations.

UNDP and the Government of Montenegro already closely cooperate through the implementation of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Montenegro has already committed itself for acting in a regional context in relation to Kyoto Protocol implementation. Therefore, Ministry of Tourism and Environment of Montenegro will continue to work with UNDP and other partners on establishing an appropriate framework under which a common Western Balkans regional platform for strengthening the regional cooperation for UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol implementation can be elaborated.

We kindly ask your Excellencies to accept our apologies for any inconvenience that this cancellation might have caused. Your further cooperation and support on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Please accept assurance of our highest consideration.

For the Government  
of Montenegro



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