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MEETING OF CCE, IA AND CRNVO REPRESENTATIVES WITH PHILIP REEKER

Today in Podgorica US Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs Philip Reeker met with the President of Board of Institute Alternativa Stevo Muk, the executive director of the Centre for civic education, Daliborka Uljarevic and the executive director of the Center for development of NGOs, Ana Novakovic.

During the meeting, amongst the other issues, participants discussed political and economic state of affairs in Montenegro, role of the civil society in achieving social reforms, as well as cooperation of the Government and civil sector, European and Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro.

Mr Reeker has expressed interest for the cooperation of civil society with the Government, as well as for the issues of importance for further democratic development of Montenegro. Representatives of the NGO sector have pointed out the importance of economic and social problems in the country, and lack of effective law enforcement that should be a base for rule of law. They all agreed that the role of the civil society in Montenegro is still of great importance. By emphasizing support for Montenegro's further progress towards European and Euro-Atlantic integration, Mr Reeker also stressed US willingness to continue supporting the activities of NGOs in the country.

U.S. Ambassador to Montenegro, Ms. Suke K. Brown and the chief of political-economical sector in the embassy, Mr. John Konney also attended the meeting.