

Addressing of the President of Montenegro Filip Vujanović at the Summit on post - 2015 Development Agenda in New York, September 27 2015

Mr. President,
Secretary- General,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great honour to address you at the Summit that represents a historical milestone in the work of the United Nations. At the beginning, allow me to express gratitude to the co-facilitators of the intergovernmental negotiations process, the Permanent Representatives of Ireland and Kenya that resulted in the harmonization of the 2030 Development Agenda, whose adoption will take place today. We believe that the Development Agenda for the next fifteen years will fulfil the projected vision in ensuring sustainable development and human dignity for all.

2015 is a crucial year for the future work of the World organization. This is also the year in which we mark 70 years of founding of the UN. I believe there is no better time to consider achieved so far in all of activity areas of the UN. Moreover, we can be satisfied with achieved progress in the implementation of the Millennium Agenda, and also with harmonisation of the ambitious and comprehensive, but also realistic 2030 Development Agenda.

Mr. President

Montenegro strongly supports the adoption of the Development Agenda for the period after 2015. It confirms its commitment to implement it completely.

An extremely demanding task of implementation, monitoring and review of achieved progress is placed before us. We believe that in fulfilling this task, we need to follow the basic principles of inclusiveness, empowerment, transparency and respect of human rights. Advocating the creation of transformative agenda which will be based on the principle of respect of human rights, we believe that universal respect of human rights is the measure of success of implementation of the 2030 Development Agenda.

We commend the central role of the High - level Political forum that follows up and reviews the implementation of Agenda at the global level.

Defined sustainable development goals deliver a wide range of interrelated issues and challenges. We share opinion that each country is responsible for its own social and economic development. Therefore, national strategies for sustainable development should be based on the approach that production of goods and services is crucial to improving the material and spiritual well-being of the population that require sustainable management of the four basic necessary groups of national resources: human, social,

natural and economic. Capacities of the key national resources must remain viable, keeping <the right to development> for each next generation. The right to development should be seen in relation to man, family and family values, and relevant social groups at the national level and at the level of local communities. The essence of sustainability should make consistent political action focused on the development of human resources, stimulating investments from such set objectives and preventing decisions that reduce our national resources.

National strategies for sustainable development, supported by integrated national financial frameworks for sustainable development, must be strengthened by effective mechanisms of international economic environment. Also in the process of their development and implementation, and in the establishment of a framework for monitoring and accountability, close cooperation with all stakeholders is necessary at all levels, including parliaments, civil and business sector, and academe. Inclusive approach is a prerequisite for the success of implementation of its future Development Agenda.

We believe that the implementation of post -2015 Development Agenda and objectives of sustainable development must be achieved, as reflected in the final document of the Summit, in the framework of a revitalized global partnership for sustainable development and supported by concrete policies and actions identified in the Action agenda from Addis Ababa, which makes an integral part of comprehensive 2030 Development Agenda.

Mr. President,

Commitment of Montenegro to the policy of sustainable development is unquestionable. It presents its strategic development policy and guideline in all dimensions of socio-economic development. In the previous two-decade period, constitutional decision of Montenegro, as an ecological state, in addition to the political will, required dedication, persistence, courageous decisions and substantial financial investment. Such approach was particularly significant in over-passing negative trends that were generated in the period of transition, and later under the influence of the global economic crisis. Although faced with numerous challenges, we in Montenegro pursue to make socio-economic development more sustainable and preserve natural resources for generations to come. Montenegro was among the first countries of Southeast Europe, which established a strategic and institutional framework for sustainable development in accordance with the standards of developed countries of the European Union.

Guided by its own experience in the implementation policy of sustainable development, membership in the Open Working Group for SDGs and participation in the intergovernmental negotiations, we have given a significant contribution to the harmonization of transformative, universal and comprehensive agenda, which integrates social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. We are satisfied with the inclusion of a large number of our priorities, making us additionally obliged to make substantial efforts in fulfilling the vision of the 2030 Development

Agenda in terms of dealing with the elimination of poverty and inequality and the creating a peaceful, just and inclusive society based on the rule of law and good governance at all levels.

Being aware of the importance of the application of the 2030 Development Agenda, the process of drafting a new national sustainable development strategy is current for the period after 2015 in which we will incorporate goals of sustainable development through their harmonisation with the national framework. Through the policy of sustainable development goals of Montenegro for the period after 2015, we seek to allow the participation of individuals, families and social groups, but also to ensure sustainable and mutually related valorisation of the human, social, natural and economic resources.

Mr. President,

Successful Summit on post-2015 Development Agenda, to which preceded the Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa, where the financial framework for sustainable development was adopted, represents a strong impetus for intensifying efforts for adoption of comprehensive, ambitious and legally binding agreement on climate at the end of 2015, which was applicable for all countries. We believe that by the year-end, we will have harmonized climate agreement that would also be another acknowledgment of responsibility and the willingness of all countries and stakeholders to implement the obligations of a new chapter in the development history. In this context, Montenegro is ready to support a global climate agreement by national reducing emissions of greenhouse gases by 30% until 2030 compared to the reference level in 1990.

Development Agenda for the period after 2015, giving hope to build a peaceful and prosperous world. For its implementation we all share responsibility. We are generation that can and must make efforts to fulfil the vision of our Development Agenda.

Thank you.