

## MONTENEGRO'S PATH TOWARDS NATO

### 2006

- **May 21<sup>st</sup>** – At a public referendum Montenegro voted for independence.
- **November 29<sup>th</sup>** – at the NATO Riga Summit Montenegro were invited to membership of the Partnership for Peace.
- **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Montenegro obtained the status of Observer in the Adriatic Charter.
- **December 14<sup>th</sup>** - Framework Document of the Partnership for Peace signed.
- **December 28<sup>th</sup>** – The *Council for the Partnership for Peace* and the *Inter-ministerial Commission for Activities of Montenegro in the Partnership for Peace* were formed.

### 2007

- **April 25<sup>th</sup>** - Security Information Agreement signed between Montenegro and NATO.
- **June 14<sup>th</sup>** - GoM adopted The Defense Strategy.
- **July 27<sup>th</sup>** - Parliament adopted *Laws on Defence and the Army*.
- **September** - Montenegro submitted the questionnaire on the *Planning and Review Process (PARP)*
- **October 11<sup>th</sup>** - The government adopted the *Communication Strategy on Euro-Atlantic Integration of Montenegro*.
- **December** – GoM adopted the *Information on the Accession of Montenegro to the Individual Partnership Action Plan NATO - IPAP*.

### 2008

- **January** - IPP for Montenegro accepted by 26 member states of NATO.
- **January 11<sup>th</sup>** - Montenegro officially expressed interest for beginning the process of development of an Individual Partnership Action Plan - IPAP.
- **February 4<sup>th</sup>** - NATO approved beginning of the *Individual Partnership Action Plan (IPAP)* process for Montenegro.
- **February** - The Parliament of Montenegro adopted the *Law on Classified Information*.
- **March 11<sup>th</sup>** - IPAP documents were presented at the meeting of the NATO High Political Committee at the level of Deputy Heads of Missions.
- **March 31<sup>st</sup>** – The PARP document was presented in Brussels, where the 32 partner objectives of Montenegro were adopted.
- **April 3<sup>rd</sup>** - At the NATO summit in Bucharest, Montenegro was officially invited to begin the process of *Intensified Dialogue with NATO*.
- **May 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>** - Montenegro hosted the meeting of the Atlantic Policy Advisory Group of the Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council.
- **June 12<sup>th</sup>** - The Council for PfP adopted the Initial Discussion document of Montenegro for Intensified Dialogue.
- **June 19<sup>th</sup>** – GoM adopted the Individual Partnership Action Plan.
- **June 24<sup>th</sup>** – The IPAP was officially presented to NATO in Brussels.
- **June 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>** - Montenegro hosted a seminar of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly on the topic of SEE on the Road to European Integration.
- **December 10<sup>th</sup>** – The final meeting for the coordination of the Individual Partnership Program (IPP) held in Brussels

## 2009

- **January 20<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting of the Intensified Dialogue (ID) on the Implementation of the Communication Strategy for Euro-Atlantic Integration.
- **January 27<sup>th</sup>** – Two themed meetings of the ID on the security and the protection of confidential information and the meeting on legal matters.
- **January 26<sup>th</sup>–29<sup>th</sup>** – Visit by an expert team from NATO for the purpose of evaluation of the realization of IPAP.
- **April** – In the closing declaration of the recent NATO Summit in Strasbourg and Kohl, strong support was given to Montenegro and the message was communicated that the Allies would soon discuss Montenegro's request for the Membership Action Plan (MAP).
- **May 8<sup>th</sup>** – For the first time as a full-fledged member Montenegro participated in the meeting of the MFAs of the Adriatic Charter in Tirana.
- **October 21<sup>st</sup>** – Montenegro become a full member of the Cooperation Process of Defense Ministers of SEE at the annual meeting in Bulgaria.
- **November 26<sup>th</sup>–27<sup>th</sup>** – NATO Secretary-General A.F. Rasmussen visited Montenegro.
- **December 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>** – At the meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Alliance in Brussels Montenegro admitted to the MAP.
- **December 29<sup>th</sup>** – The Parliament reached a decision on the involvement of representatives of the Army of Montenegro in the ISAF Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) and the waters of Somalia (ATALANTA – within the EU mission).

## 2010

- **March 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup>** – Expert team from NATO visited Podgorica and undertook the second annual evaluation of the realization of IPAP.
- **March 24<sup>th</sup>** - Agreement between Montenegro and the EU on the participation of Montenegrin soldiers in the peacekeeping operation in Somalia, as part of our naval officers on the Italian and Greek ships in the operation.
- **June 16<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting between Montenegro and the North Atlantic Council (NAC) on the occasion of the termination of the biennial cycle of the Individual Partnership Action Plan (IPAP) held in Brussels.
- **June** – GoM adopted the Strategic Defense Overview, a key document in the defense sector, in accordance with the new package of Partnership Goals.
- **July 20<sup>th</sup>** – Minister Roćen, as a representative of a contributor country to the ISAF mission, took part in the invitation of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan to the International Conference on Afghanistan held in Kabul, Afghanistan.
- **September 16<sup>th</sup>** – The government adopted the first Annual National Program (ANP) under the first cycle of the MAP.
- **October 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Representatives of the South-East Europe Security Cooperation Steering Group (SEEGROUP) came on a study visit to Montenegro.
- **October 28<sup>th</sup>** – The first ANP was presented at the NAC meeting in Brussels, after which Montenegro commenced the first cycle of the implementation of MAP.

## 2011

- **Jun 29<sup>th</sup>** – Second visit of NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen to Montenegro.
- **August 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Farewell of soldiers of the army of Montenegro in the ISAF mission in Afghanistan. This is the fourth contingent of troops.
- **October 10<sup>th</sup>** - The presence of Montenegrin Minister of Defense, Boro Vucinic, on meeting of ministers in the format NATO + ISAF. MoU between the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Slovenia and Montenegro on the principles for the contribution of the Military Police School in the NATO training mission - Afghanistan within ISAF was signed.