

Pursuant to Article 18 of the Decision on Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro (Official Gazette of Montenegro 65/21), the Legislative Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro, at the meeting held on 22 July 2021, established the CONSOLIDATED TEXT OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO.

Consolidated text of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro includes: Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro (Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro 51/06); Decision on amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro (Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro 66/06); Decision on amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro (Official Gazette of Montenegro 88/09); Decision on amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro (Official Gazette of Montenegro 80/10); Decision on amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro (Official Gazette of Montenegro 39/11); Decision on amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro (Official Gazette of Montenegro 25/12); Decision on amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro (Official Gazette of Montenegro 49/13); Decision of the Constitutional Court of Montenegro U-II No 11/14 (Official Gazette of Montenegro 32/14); Decision on amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro (Official Gazette of Montenegro 42/15) and the Decision on amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro (Official Gazette of Montenegro 52/17); Decision on amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro (Official Gazette of Montenegro 17/18); Decision on amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro (Official Gazette of Montenegro 47/19); Decision on supplements to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro (Official Gazette of Montenegro 112/20); Decision on amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro (Official Gazette of Montenegro 129/20) and Decision on amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro (Official Gazette of Montenegro 65/21) designating the date of entry into force of these acts.

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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO

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RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO (CONSOLIDATED TEXT)

I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

These Rules of Procedure regulate the following: constituting, organisation and manner of work of the Parliament of Montenegro (hereinafter referred to as the Parliament); rights and responsibilities of the Members of the Parliament (MPs); Parliamentary procedures; relations of the Parliament and other state authorities; cooperation of the Parliament with parliaments of other countries; principles for organisation of the Parliamentary Service and other issues of significance for work of the Parliament and exercise of parliamentary duties.

Article 2

Issues related to organisation and work of the Parliament, parliamentary procedures and other issues not regulated by these Rules may be regulated by a special decision or a conclusion passed by the Parliament.

Article 3

The seat of the Parliament shall be in Podgorica.

Article 4

The Parliament shall have a seal, as envisaged by law.

II CONSTITUTING OF THE PARLIAMENT

Convening of the First Sitting of the Parliament

Article 5

The President of the Parliament of the previous parliamentary term shall convene the first sitting of the Parliament following the elections.

Newly elected MPs shall be delivered the letter of convening for the first sitting on the day following the day of submission of the Report on elections by the State Election Commission, and the sitting shall take place not later than five days after the dispatch of the letter of convening to the MPs.

Article 6

The first sitting of the Parliament, pending the election of the President of the Parliament, shall be presided by the oldest MP (the Chair), who shall be assisted in his work by the youngest MP and the Secretary General of the Parliament.

Article 7

At the first sitting of the Parliament, following the performing of the national anthem, the Chair shall verify that the State Election Commission has submitted the Report on conducted elections and announce that the term of office of newly elected MPs has commenced as of the submission of the Report of the State Election Commission, and thereafter the President of the Parliament and Vice-Presidents as well as the chairperson and members of the Administrative Committee shall be elected.

The verification of the term of office of an MP at the occasion of filling a vacant MP seat during the parliamentary term shall be performed in the way that the President of the Parliament announces that the State Election Commission has submitted the Report on filling the vacant MP seat.

III ORGANISATION OF THE PARLIAMENT

1. President of the Parliament

1) Scope of Work

Article 8

The President of the Parliament shall:

- represent the Parliament;
- convene and preside the sittings of the Parliament;
- ensure the application of the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament;
- ensure the organisation of the work of the Parliament;
- ensure timely and coordinated work of the working bodies of the Parliament;
- make decisions with regard to receiving foreign delegations and officials as well as their visits;
- make decisions with regard to travelling of MPs abroad, if the relevant costs are to be borne by the Parliament;
- sign acts of the Parliament;
- perform other tasks envisaged by the Constitution, law and these Rules.

2) Election of the President

Nominating and Electing of Candidates

Article 9

A candidate for the President of the Parliament may be nominated by at least 10 MPs.

An MP may take part in nominating one candidate only.

The nomination shall contain full name of the candidate, brief CV, party affiliation, explanatory statement and full name of the representative of the proposer.

Article 10

Nominations of candidates for the President of the Parliament shall be handed to the Chair in writing.

The Chair shall communicate all received nominations for the President of the Parliament to MPs.

If there exist several nominations, the Chair shall establish a list of candidates, alphabetised by their surnames.

Article 11

Nominations shall be subject to opening of a debate.

The representative of the proposer shall have the right to reason the nomination in the time not exceeding 10 minutes.

Article 12

The President of the Parliament shall be elected by secret ballot.

The secret ballot for election of the President of the Parliament shall be administered by the Chair, who shall be assisted in his work by the youngest MP and the Secretary General of the Parliament.

A candidate for the President of the Parliament may not administer or assist in administering of the voting.

Secret ballot shall be conducted in line with the provisions of these Rules related to deciding by secret ballot.

Repeated Elections

Article 13

If one candidate is nominated for the President of the Parliament, and he not elected after the first ballot, the election procedure shall be repeated with a new candidate or candidates.

If two candidates are nominated, and none has obtained the required majority of the votes cast, the election procedure shall be repeated with a new candidate or candidates.

If more than two candidates are nominated, and none has obtained the required majority of the votes cast, the ballot shall be repeated for the two candidates with the highest number of votes, or for several candidates in the event of a tie.

If in the second ballot referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article none of the candidates has obtained the required majority of the votes cast, the election procedure shall be repeated with a new candidate or candidates.

Termination of Office

Article 14

The term of office of the President of the Parliament shall be subject to an early termination in case his term of office as an MP ceases, on his resignation or dismissal.

In case of resignation, the term of office of the President of the Parliament shall cease on the day of the resignation sitting, or the first following sitting of the Parliament if the resignation notification is submitted during the period between two sittings.

The resignation referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article and termination of office in such respect shall be verified by the Parliament at its sitting.

Dismissal of the President

Article 15

The Parliament may dismiss the President of the Parliament prior to expiry of his term of office by applying the provisions of these Rules related to the election of the President of the Parliament.

Article 16

In case the term of office of the President of the Parliament ceases prior to expiry of his term of office, the Parliament shall on the same sitting, or not later than the following sitting proceed with the election procedure of the President of the Parliament, in line with the provisions of these Rules.

The Vice-President of the Parliament who shall be assisted in his work by the Secretary General of the Parliament shall administer the voting for election of the President in terms of paragraph 1 of this Article.

If the term of office of the President of the Parliament ceases prior to its expiry, the duties of the President of the Parliament shall be performed by the Vice-President of the Parliament from the MP Group with the highest number of MPs, until the new President of the Parliament has been elected.

2. Vice-President of the Parliament

1) Scope of Work

Article 17

The Vice-President of the Parliament shall assist the President of the Parliament in performing activities from his scope of work.

The Vice-President of the Parliament designated by the President of the Parliament shall substitute the President in case of his temporary absence.

If the President of the Parliament fails to designate a Vice-President to substitute him, the Vice-President of the Parliament from the MP Group with the highest number of MPs shall substitute him.

2) Number and Election of Vice-Presidents

Number of Vice-Presidents

Article 18

The Parliament shall have one or several vice-presidents.

The Parliament shall establish the number of vice-presidents on the proposal of the President of the Parliament at the occasion of their election.

At least one vice-president shall be elected from among the opposition at the proposal of the opposition.

At least one vice-president shall be elected from among the underrepresented gender.

One vice-president shall be elected from among MPs of minority parties.

Nomination and Election of Candidates

Article 19

At least ten MPs may nominate one or several candidates for a vice-president of the Parliament, but not exceeding the number of seats to be filled.

Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of this Article, the candidate for a vice-president of the Parliament, elected from among MPs of minority parties, shall be nominated by all MPs of minority parties.

The nomination should include full name of the candidate, brief CV, party affiliation, explanatory statement and full name of the representative of the proposer.

The nomination of candidates for a vice-president of the Parliament shall be handed to the President of the Parliament in writing.

The President of the Parliament shall forward all nominations for the vice-president of the Parliament to the MPs.

Candidate nominations shall be subject to opening of a debate.

Article 20

The Vice-President of the Parliament shall be elected by secret ballot, in the way that an MP shall circle the ordinal number preceding the name of the nominee in whose favour he votes, but the number of nominees voted for may not exceed the number of vice-presidents to be elected from parliamentary majority, or opposition.

Article 21

If the number of nominated candidates for the Vice-President of the Parliament equals the number of seats to be filled and if the opposition nominates a candidate from among its members, the President of the Parliament shall draw up a list of candidates, alphabetised by their surnames and designate if they are the candidates of the parliamentary majority or opposition next to their names.

If in the case referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article the envisaged number of vice-presidents fails to be elected, the election procedure shall be repeated for the number of vice-presidents that has not been elected, with a new candidate or candidates.

Article 22

If the number of nominations for the Vice-President of the Parliament is higher than the number of seats to be filled and if opposition nominates a candidate from among its members, the President of the Parliament shall draw up a list of candidates, alphabetised by their surnames and designate if they are the candidates of the parliamentary majority or opposition, noting how many vice-presidents are to be elected from parliamentary majority and how many from opposition.

If in the case referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article the envisaged number of vice-presidents fails to be elected, the election procedure shall be repeated for the number of vice-presidents that has not been elected from out of the remaining candidates.

If the envisaged number of vice-presidents fails to be elected in the repeated election, the election procedure shall be repeated for the number of vice-presidents that has not been elected, with a new candidate or candidates.

Termination of Office

Article 23

The term of office of the Vice-President of the Parliament shall be subject to an early termination in case his term of office as an MP ceases, on his resignation or dismissal, according to the procedure and in the way envisaged for termination of office of the President of the Parliament.

In case of an early termination of office of the Vice-President of the Parliament, the election of the Vice-President of the Parliament shall be conducted according to the procedure and in the way envisaged for election of the Vice-President of the Parliament.

Oath of the President and Vice-President

Article 24

The President and Vice-President of the Parliament shall take oath before the Parliament on the day of election.

The wording of the oath is as follows: "I swear I will perform my duties under the Constitution and the law, uprightly, trustworthily and conscientiously".

3. Collegium of the President of the Parliament

Article 25

The President of the Parliament, vice-presidents of the Parliament and heads of MP groups shall constitute the Collegium of the President of the Parliament.

Secretary General of the Parliament shall take part in the work of the Collegium and chairpersons of specific committees, if required.

Article 26

The Collegium of the President of the Parliament shall:

- 1) consider the issues of organisation and work of the Parliament and committees and agree on undertaking measures for improvement of such work;
- 2) ensure and agree on application of these Rules and procedures in the Parliament;
- 3) plan the work of sessions and sittings of the Parliament;
- 4) agree on convening the Parliament and agenda proposal of sittings;
- 5) ensure the creation of conditions for the work of MP groups;
- 6) ensure cooperation of the Parliament with authorities and organisations in Montenegro and parliamentary cooperation with parliaments of other countries and parliamentary assemblies of international organisations;
- 7) agree on visits of the parliamentary delegation to parliaments of other countries and parliamentary assemblies of international organisations and its composition;
- 8) establish and submit an application for provision of funds for the work of the Parliament and Parliamentary Service at the proposal of the Secretary General of the Parliament;

9) in the course of a sitting of the Parliament, if needed or requested by the President of the Parliament or a specific MP Group, consider issues of work and procedures of such sitting and come to relevant agreements;

10) ensure the public nature of the work of the Parliament.

The Collegium of the President of the Parliament shall agree and decide with regard to the issues referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article on the meeting convened by the President of the Parliament, at his own initiative or at the proposal of a specific MP Group. In case an agreement cannot be achieved with regard to a specific issue, the President of the Parliament shall make a decision in line with these Rules.

4. Secretary General of the Parliament

Appointment

Article 27

Secretary General of the Parliament shall be appointed and dismissed by the Parliament, following a proposal by the President of the Parliament.

Secretary General shall be appointed for the period of four years.

The nomination for appointment of the Secretary General shall include full name of the candidate, short resume and explanatory statement.

Authorisations

Article 28

Secretary General of the Parliament shall:

- assist the President and Vice-President of the Parliament in applying these Rules;
- ensure the development of the original laws and other acts of the Parliament and be responsible for their accuracy, safeguarding and recording;
- manage the Parliamentary Service;
- ensure implementation of the conclusions of the Parliament;
- prepare the application proposal for provision of budget funds for the work of the Parliament and Parliamentary Service;
- be the order issuer for financial and material operations of the Parliament and Parliamentary Service and submit the report on use of the funds to the Collegium of the President of the Parliament and the committee responsible for finance, by 30 June of the current year for the previous year, if required by them;
- establish the visual identity and logo of the Parliament, edit the web site of the Parliament, as well as social media accounts of the Parliament, with prior approval of the President of the Parliament;
- perform other tasks as envisaged by law and these Rules and those entrusted by the President of the Parliament.

Deputy Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General

Article 29

Secretary General of the Parliament shall have two deputies who shall assist in his work.

Secretary General, in case of his temporary absence, shall be substituted by a deputy designated by him, informing the President of the Parliament of such decision.

Deputy Secretary General shall be appointed and dismissed by the Parliament at the proposal of the President of the Parliament.

Deputy Secretary General of the Parliament shall be appointed for the period of four years.

Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General shall report to the Parliament.

Secretary General of the Parliament shall have one or several assistants who are to be appointed by the Administrative Committee at the proposal of the Secretary General.

Article 30

The office of the Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General of the Parliament shall be subject to early termination by the way of resignation or dismissal.

5. MP Groups

Establishing and Composition

Article 31

MP groups shall be established in the Parliament.

An MP Group shall be composed of no less than three MPs, and an MP may be a member of one MP Group only.

An MP group shall be composed of MPs belonging to the same political party, coalition or group of citizens.

MPs belonging to one political party and/or group of citizens may establish one MP group only.

An MP group may also be established by association of minimum three MPs belonging to different political parties, including the group of citizens, who are not able to establish an MP group within the meaning of paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article.

Notwithstanding paragraph 5 of this Article, an MP group may be established by association of minimum two MPs chosen from candidate lists for the election of MPs, members of particular minorities or a minority national community.

One MP group may also be established by association of MPs who do not belong to political parties or group of citizens, and MPs who do not establish a group within the meaning of paragraph 5 of this Article (Special MP Group).

An MP group shall, by rule, be constituted on the first sitting, in the way that a list of its members is submitted to the President of the Parliament, signed by each member of the group, with special designation of the head of the group.

MP Group operating conditions

Article 32

Secretary General of the Parliament, in agreement with the President of the Parliament, i.e. the Collegium of the President of the Parliament shall provide the space

and other technical facilities required for work of MP groups, corresponding to the number of group members.

An MP group may have group secretary, and a certain number of professional consultants engaged by the group at the expense of the funds of the Parliament.

The amount of funds allocated for hiring of the secretary and professional consultants to the group, as well as the manner and procedure for the control of dedicated use of these funds, shall be determined by the Administrative Committee of the Parliament, in proportion to the number of MPs within the group.

6. Working Bodies of the Parliament

1) Establishing and Composition

Establishing of Committees

Article 33

In order to consider act proposals, propose acts, conduct parliamentary control and perform other activities under the responsibility of the Parliament, the Parliament shall establish committees as its working bodies.

Committees shall be established as standing or temporary.

Standing committees shall be established by these Rules, and, if needed, they may be established by a special decision of the Parliament.

Standing committees may establish sub-committees for the purpose of performing specific tasks under their responsibility.

Temporary committees shall be established by a special decision of the Parliament.

The decision on establishing a temporary committee shall define the task and composition of such committee, as well as completion deadline.

Temporary committee shall terminate its work after the completion of the task, or upon the expiry of its term.

Committee Composition

Article 34

A committee shall have a chairperson and a specific number of members.

The number of committee members shall be determined at the occasion of their election.

The composition of a committee, including the chairperson and deputy chairperson, by rule shall correspond to the party composition of MPs in the Parliament.

At least three committee chairpersons shall be elected from among the parliamentary opposition.

In the process of determining the composition of the committee, including the chairperson and deputy chairperson of the committee, due account shall be taken of the appropriate participation of the underrepresented gender.

An MP may be a member in three standing committees at most.

On its first meeting the committee shall elect from its composition a deputy chairperson of the committee, provided that the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson may both be neither from the Parliamentary majority nor opposition.

Deputy Chairperson of the committee shall have rights, duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson in case of his absence or inability to attend, as established by these Rules.

The committee shall have a secretary who shall assist the chairperson of the committee in performing the tasks thereof.

Election of Committee Members

Article 35

The chairperson and members of the committee shall be elected based on the candidate list.

The candidate list shall include number of members to be elected, full name of chairperson candidates and member candidates in the number to be elected, for each committee separately.

The Chairperson or individual member of the committee shall be elected subsequently based on individual proposals.

Article 36

The President of the Parliament, following the proposal of MP groups, shall submit candidate list for the Chairperson and members of the Administrative Committee.

The Administrative Committee, following the proposal of MP groups, shall submit candidate list for the Chairperson and members of other committees.

Should a specific MP group fail to nominate a candidate for committee member of the relevant committee that it is entitled to, the members of the committee shall be elected based on nominations by MP groups, where such composition shall be considered to be full in terms of quorum for work and deciding, provided that more than a half of committee members have been elected.

Article 37

The Parliament shall decide on the candidate list for the Chairperson and members of a committee as a single unit by open voting.

If the required majority fails to support the candidate list for the Chairperson and members of the committee, the voting shall be repeated.

If during the repeated voting, the required majority fails to support the list, a new list proposal shall be submitted.

2) Parliament Committees

Standing Committees

Article 38

Standing Committees of the Parliament shall be as follows:

1) Constitutional Committee;

- 2) Legislative Committee;
- 3) Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration;
- 4) Security and Defence Committee;
- 5) Committee on International Relations and Emigrants;
- 6) Committee on European Integration;
- 7) Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget;
- 8) Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms;
- 9) Gender Equality Committee;
- 10) Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning;
- 11) Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports;
- 12) Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare;
- 13) Anti-Corruption Committee;
- 14) Administrative Committee.

Constitutional Committee

Article 38a

The Constitutional Committee shall:

- consider a proposal for the amendment of the Constitution;
- establish the wording of the draft and proposal for amendments to the Constitution and wording of the draft and proposal for the Constitution;
- consider proposal for initiating a procedure for establishing whether the President of Montenegro has violated the Constitution;
- submit to the Parliament a proposal for the election of five judges of the Constitutional Court;
- consider acts on initiating constitutional review of laws or constitutional and judicial review of other regulations and general acts of the Parliament;
- consider general issues of the application of the Constitution.

Legislative Committee

Article 39

The Legislative Committee shall:

- consider proposals for laws, other regulations and general acts adopted by the Parliament from the aspect of their compliance with the Constitution and the legal system of Montenegro;
- ensure unique legislative methodology, as well as unique legal and technical processing of acts adopted by the Parliament;
- establish consolidated text of a law, other regulation and general act of the Parliament if authorised by law or other regulation;
- monitor the application of the Parliamentary Rules and indicate issues related to its application.

The Legislative Committee, in its report on consideration of the act proposal, shall provide to the Parliament, for each act proposal, a reasoned opinion on the majority needed to be decided upon the act proposal, which the Parliament shall decide upon without debate, at the proposal of the President of the Parliament, if it does not accept the opinion of the committee.

Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration

Article 40

The Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration shall consider proposals for laws, other regulations and general acts and other issues related to establishing, organising and responsibilities of authorities and procedures before such authorities; local self-government system; state symbols; use of national symbols; state holidays; Montenegrin citizenship; electoral system; referendum; territorial organisation of Montenegro; organisation and position of the Capital and Old Royal Capital; media and radio-broadcasting system; criminal and other acts, liability and penalties; amnesty, pardoning and legal aid; shall submit to the Parliament proposal for the election of four lay members of the Judicial Council; shall submit to the Parliament proposal for the election of four lay members of the Prosecutorial Council; shall consider proposal for the election of the Supreme Public Prosecutor.

Within its purview, the committee shall monitor and assess harmonisation of the laws of Montenegro with the *acquis communautaire*, and, based on the Government reports, monitor and assess the application of laws, especially those that establish the obligations in line with European Union law.

Security and Defence Committee

Article 41

The Security and Defence Committee shall:

- consider proposals for laws, other regulations and general acts, strategy and other issues in the area of security and defence of Montenegro and its citizens;
- conduct parliamentary control of the work of the police and National Security Agency and other security bodies and services;
- consider exercise of the constitutional freedoms and rights of man and citizen in application of authorisations of the police and National Security Agency and other security bodies and services;
- consider nominations for the head of the police and director of the National Security Agency;
- issue an opinion on the proposal for nomination or appointment of managing staff for the military intelligence, counterintelligence and security operations in the Ministry of Defence.

Within its purview, the committee shall monitor and assess harmonisation of the laws of Montenegro with the *acquis communautaire*, and, based on the Government reports, monitor and assess the application of laws, especially those that establish the obligations in line with European Union law.

Committee on International Relations and Emigrants

Article 42

Committee on International Relations and Emigrants shall:

- consider issues related to foreign policy and international relations within the competencies of the Parliament;

- consider law proposals in the field of foreign policy, international relations and diaspora-emigrants and laws on ratification of international treaties;
- propose platforms for talks with foreign delegations and consider reports on visits paid, participation in international gatherings and study visits within the competencies of the Parliament;
- adopt annual programs and quarterly detailed international cooperation programs; cooperate and exchange experience with relevant working bodies in other parliaments and international integrations, through the establishment of joint bodies, friendship groups, undertaking joint actions, harmonising positions on issues of joint interest;
- issue an opinion on appointment and recall of candidates for ambassadors and heads of other diplomatic representative offices of Montenegro abroad;
- consider issues related to the status of Montenegrin emigrants, and propose measures to exercise, promote and protect their rights;
- establish contacts and cooperate with associations of Montenegrin emigrants abroad.

Within its purview, the committee shall monitor and assess harmonisation of the laws of Montenegro with the *acquis communautaire*, and, based on the Government reports, monitor and assess the application of laws, especially those that establish the obligations in line with European Union law.

Committee on European Integration

Article 42a

The Committee on European Integration shall:

- monitor accession negotiations between Montenegro and the European Union;
- oversee and assess the course of negotiations and issue opinion and guidelines, on behalf of the Parliament, on the prepared negotiation positions;
- consider information on the negotiation process and consider and provide opinion on the issues arising in the negotiations;
- consider and assess the performance of the negotiation team.

Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget

Article 43

The Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget shall consider proposals for laws, other regulations and general acts and other issues related to the development and strategy of economic development of Montenegro; conditions for operation of the market and market competition; business operation, entrepreneurship and capital investments; natural resources, energy, mining, industry, maritime, transport and trade activities; budget of Montenegro and final budget statement; financial rights and obligations of Montenegro; taxes and other duties; customs; banks; securities; credits, public loans and borrowings of Montenegro; insurance of property and persons; games of chance; property-legal, ownership and contract relations.

Within its purview, the committee shall monitor and assess harmonisation of the laws of Montenegro with the *acquis communautaire*, and, based on the Government reports, monitor and assess the application of laws, especially those that establish the obligations in line with European Union law.

Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms

Article 44

The Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms shall consider proposals for laws, other regulations and general acts and other issues related to freedoms and rights of man and citizen, with special view on minority rights, application of ratified international acts related to exercise, protection and improvement of such rights; consider and take positions on petitions and complaints of citizens and legal entities related to the exercise of rights of citizens; monitor exercise of documents, measures and activities for improvement of national, ethnical and other equality, particularly in the area of education, health care, information, social policy, employment, entrepreneurship, decision-making process and the like; take part in preparing and drafting documents and harmonising legislation in this area with European legislation standards; cooperate with relevant working bodies of other parliaments and non-governmental organisations from this area.

Within its purview, the committee shall monitor and assess harmonisation of the laws of Montenegro with the *acquis communautaire*, and, based on the Government reports, monitor and assess the application of laws, especially those that establish the obligations in line with European Union law.

Gender Equality Committee

Article 45

The Gender Equality Committee shall consider proposals for laws, other regulations and general acts related to exercise of gender equality principles; monitor application of these rights through enforcement of laws and improvement of gender equality principles, particularly in the area of rights of the child, family relations, employment, entrepreneurship, decision-making process, education, health care, social policy and information; take part in preparing, drafting and harmonising of laws and other acts with European legislation standards and EU programmes related to gender equality; affirm signing of international documents treating this issue and monitor their application; cooperate with relevant working bodies of other parliaments and non-governmental organisations from this area.

Within its purview, the committee shall monitor and assess harmonisation of the laws of Montenegro with the *acquis communautaire*, and, based on the Government reports, monitor and assess the application of laws, especially those that establish the obligations in line with European Union law.

Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning

Article 46

The Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning shall consider proposals for laws, other regulations and general acts and other issues related to development of tourism; tourism activity and hospitality industry and relevant activities; agriculture; forestry; water management; marine and freshwater fishery; rural development; hunting; protection of plants against diseases and pests; health care for animals and other issues from the area of tourism and agriculture; protection and improvement of the environment, nature and natural resources; national parks; protection against hazardous and harmful matters; protection of other sources endangering the environment; spatial planning and urban development; housing relations; construction; development and use of buildable land, and other issues from the area of ecology and spatial planning.

Within its purview, the committee shall monitor and assess harmonisation of the laws of Montenegro with the *acquis communautaire*, and, based on the Government reports, monitor and assess the application of laws, especially those that establish the obligations in line with European Union law.

Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports

Article 47

The Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports shall consider proposals for laws, other regulations and general acts and other issues related to preschool, primary, special and secondary education, two-year post secondary and university education; science and scientific-research activity; culture; art; technical culture; international scientific, educational-cultural and technical cooperation; protection of scientific, cultural, artistic and historical values; sports and physical culture.

Within its purview, the committee shall monitor and assess harmonisation of the laws of Montenegro with the *acquis communautaire*, and, based on the Government reports, monitor and assess the application of laws, especially those that establish the obligations in line with European Union law.

Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare

Article 48

The Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare shall consider proposals for laws, other regulations and general acts and other issues related to health care and health insurance; establishing and organising health care facilities; labour relations; employment; safety at work; care for invalids, mothers and children; pension and disability insurance; social care and any other forms of social care; marriage and family.

Within its purview, the committee shall monitor and assess harmonisation of the laws of Montenegro with the *acquis communautaire*, and, based on the Government reports, monitor and assess the application of laws, especially those that establish the obligations in line with European Union law.

Anti-Corruption Committee

Article 48a

The Anti-Corruption Committee shall:

- monitor and analyse the work of state authorities, institutions, organisations and bodies in fighting against organised crime and corruption;
- consider issues and problems in the implementation of laws related to the fight against organised crime and corruption;
- propose additional measures for development of strategies, action plans and other documents related to the fight against organised crime and corruption;
- consider petitions and complaints, and address them to the responsible authorities in accordance with the first indent of this Article.

Administrative Committee

Article 49

The Administrative Committee shall submit to the Parliament proposals for election, appointment and dismissal, save proposals to be submitted by other sponsors in line with the Constitution and law; adopt more detailed regulations governing specific issues related to exercise of rights and duties of MPs and officials elected or appointed by the Parliament; adopt specific acts on status issues of MPs and officials elected or appointed by the Parliament; determine other benefit compensations for the employees in the Parliamentary Service, at the proposal of the Secretary General of the Parliament, not determined by the law or other regulation; issue consent on the act on organisation and job scheme of working positions in the Parliamentary Service; assign persons to working positions as envisaged by the act on organisation and job scheme of working positions at the proposal of the Secretary General of the Parliament; establish allowances and remunerations for work engagement of professional and scientific workers in the committees of the Parliament; consider issues of applying or denying immunity to MPs and other issues related to credentials and privileges of MPs; perform other tasks as envisaged by law, these Rules and other regulation.

General acts adopted by the Administrative Committee shall be published in the Official Gazette of Montenegro.

Subcommittees

Article 49a

Decision on establishing a subcommittee referred to in Article 33 (4) of these Rules shall be passed at the proposal of one third of the members of a committee.

Decision on establishing a subcommittee shall define the name and task of such subcommittee, number of members, its composition, and completion deadline.

Subcommittees shall be an integral part of the founding committee and they shall carry out their activities exclusively within such committee.

IV RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT

1. General Provisions

Official Materials, Explanations and Notifications

Article 50

A Member of the Parliament (MP) shall be entitled to access any official materials, documents and data prepared or collected in the committees or Parliamentary Service, Government, ministries and other state administration authorities, related to issues of significance for exercise of MP duties.

An MP shall be entitled to demand notifications and explanations from the President of the Parliament, the chairperson of the working body, minister or other official with regard to activities under the scope of rights and duties of such officials, or activities under the responsibility of authorities they manage, which are required for exercise of MP duties.

The provisions of these Rules relevant to the parliamentary question shall be accordingly applied to the right of an MP referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article, and the deadline for submission of notification and explanation shall not exceed 15 days.

Should the submission of a written reply fail within the deadline referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article, the Secretary General of the Parliament shall inform the Secretary General of the Government or the official, the notification and explanation were requested from.

Salaries, Remunerations and Allowances

Article 51

An MP shall be entitled to a salary, fringe benefits, remuneration or allowance for performance of MP duties, and an MP performing additional functions in the Parliament shall also be entitled to additional payments for such functions, in line with the Constitution, law, these Rules and a special decision adopted by the Parliament at the proposal of the Administrative Committee.

Chairpersons of committees and heads of MP groups shall be entitled to additional compensation for work (salary) in line with the act referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Language Use

Article 52

An MP whose language is not the official language of Montenegro shall be entitled to use his language at the sittings of the Parliament, provided that he informs the Secretary General of the Parliament of the intention to use this right on timely basis, so that Secretary General would be able to provide interpretation to the official language.

Work Conditions

Article 53

In order to perform his duties, an MP shall be entitled to demand the following from the Parliamentary Service, under the scope of its tasks:

- to ensure required conditions for performance of duties;
- to provide professional assistance in drafting proposals to be submitted to the Parliament and committees, and assistance in performing other tasks as entrusted by the committee or the Parliament;

- to ensure use of required documentation for issues on the agenda of the Parliament or a committee;
- to provide professional explanation of specific issues arising in the course of work of a committee or the Parliament.

Article 54

An MP shall be entitled to use the premises that are at his disposal for work and meetings with citizens in line with the regulation on internal order in the Parliament.

An MP shall be enabled to use library and documentation, designed to meet the needs of their work in the Parliament.

An MP whose term of office has ended shall be enabled, at his request, to use the library of the Parliament, in accordance with the rules on the work of the library.

Participation in Work

Article 55

An MP shall take part in the work of the Parliament and the committee he is a member of, and shall vote.

An MP may take part in the work of a committee he is not a member of, with no right to vote.

Absence

Article 56

An MP not able to attend a sitting of the Parliament, or a committee, shall inform the President of the Parliament, or the chairperson of the committee about the reasons for absence not later than one day prior to the beginning of a scheduled or resumed sitting, unless he is in no position to do so for the reasons beyond his influence.

Article 56a

Shall be deleted. (Official Gazette of Montenegro 129/20)

Article 57

Attendance register shall be kept on the presence of MPs to the sittings of the Parliament and meetings of committees.

Attendance in terms of paragraph 1 of this Article shall be established and verified on a daily basis at the beginning of the sitting, i.e. meeting.

Secretary General of the Parliament or secretary of the committee shall ensure keeping of the attendance register.

Collegium of the President of the Parliament shall be informed of the attendance records in terms of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article.

2. Immunity

Article 58

In accordance with the Constitution, an MP shall enjoy immunity from the day the Parliament is constituted until the day of termination of the parliamentary mandate.

A responsible authority shall submit a request for approving the initiation of a criminal proceeding and a request for approving the ordering of detention for an MP to the President of the Parliament.

The President shall communicate the request referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article to the Administrative Committee.

Article 58a

The submitter of the request referred to in Article 58 (2) of this law shall provide the explanatory statement of the request at the meeting of the Administrative Committee.

The MP shall also be notified of the holding of the committee meeting where the issue of his immunity is being considered.

The committee shall submit its report along with the proposal, as a rule, at the first next sitting of the Parliament.

Based on the report referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article, the Parliament shall decide upon the request for approving the initiation of a criminal proceeding and the request for approving the ordering of detention for an MP.

Article 58b

The Parliament shall notify the responsible state authority of the decision referred to in Article 58a (4) of these Rules.

When the Parliament approves the initiation of a criminal proceeding and/or the ordering of detention for an MP, the criminal proceeding may be initiated and/or the detention for an MP may be ordered only for the criminal offence for which the approval was granted.

Article 59

The provisions of these Rules relevant to deciding on immunity rights of MPs shall be applied on deciding on immunity rights of the President of Montenegro, Prime Minister and members of the Government, President of the Supreme Court, President and judges of the Constitutional Court and Supreme State Prosecutor.

MPs ID card

Article 60

An MP shall be issued an MP's ID card.

MP's ID card shall include MP's full name, immunity rights of the MP and other rights the MP might exercise in respect of the ID card.

MP's ID card shall be printed in the official language of Montenegro and in English.

The Secretary General of the Parliament shall prescribe the content, form and method of keeping records of MP's ID cards.

Secretary General of the Parliament shall ensure issuance and record keeping of issued MP's ID cards.

MP's Resignation

Article 61

An MP shall resign in writing and hand his resignation to the President of the Parliament.

The President of the Parliament shall communicate the resignation to all MPs immediately.

The resignation referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and termination of the term of office of an MP in such respect shall be verified by the Parliament at the sitting of resignation or at the first following sitting if the resignation notification is submitted in the period between the sittings.

The Parliament shall inform the State Election Commission on the termination of the term of office of the MP.

V COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Convening a Committee Meeting

Article 62

Committee shall work in meetings.

The chairperson of the committee shall convene the meeting of the committee and propose agenda for the meeting.

The letter of convening, with agenda proposal shall be dispatched to the members of the committee, by rule, not later than seven days prior to the day of holding of the committee meeting.

In exceptional cases, the chairperson of the committee may convene a committee meeting on a notice shorter than seven days.

In the case referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article, the letter of convening to committee meeting, with the proposed agenda, shall be sent to committee members immediately after the convening of the meeting, and the Chairperson of the committee shall state the reasons of convening a committee meeting on a short notice at the meeting itself.

Article 63

The chairperson of the committee shall convene the committee meeting, if requested by the President of the Parliament or a third of the members of the committee, stating the issues to be placed on the agenda of the committee meeting.

If in the case referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article the committee fails to be convened by the chairperson of the committee, the President of the Parliament shall convene the committee meeting.

Article 64

The chairperson of the committee shall coordinate the work of the committee with other committees and the work of the Parliament, cooperate with the President and the Vice-President of the Parliament, chairpersons of other committees and representatives of state authorities with regard to the issues under the scope of the committee.

The chairperson of the committee shall ensure enforcement of conclusions of the committee and perform other tasks envisaged by these Rules.

2. Work of Committee Meetings

Article 65

Committee shall work if majority members of the committee attend the meeting, and make decisions by majority votes of present members.

If committee has no required majority to work, due to absence or inability of an individual member to attend, the absent committee member may be substituted by the head of the group or member of the group as designated by the group, with a right to vote.

Article 66

Committees shall cooperate with regard to issues of joint interest or from joint responsibility and may hold joint meetings, as agreed by chairpersons of committees.

Participating in Committee Meetings

Article 67

Representatives of the proposer of an act and submitters of amendments to the act proposal considered in the meeting shall take part in the work of the committee. Otherwise, the consideration of the proposal act shall be postponed.

The responsible minister shall participate in the work of the committee, if he is a designated representative of the proposer of the act, or submitter of the amendment being considered at the meeting.

In case of an absence of the responsible minister, the Government shall notify the chairperson of the committee in writing and authorise the person who will participate in the work of the committee. Otherwise, the consideration of the proposal act shall be postponed.

Representatives of the Government, representatives of scientific and professional institutions, other legal entities and non-governmental organisations, as well as individual professional and scientific workers shall take part in the work of the committee, if invited or at their request, with the approval of the Chairperson of the committee, with no right to make decisions.

Article 68

A committee may demand data and information of significance for performing the duties within its purview from any state authority.

Committee Report

Article 69

Committee shall consider each issue within its purview, i.e. each act proposal submitted to it and submit a report to the Parliament.

Committee shall submit to the Parliament a report that contains the committee opinion and proposal.

Committee shall also submit a report to the Parliament in case of divided opinions and proposals, i.e. when required majority does not support those.

If requested by a member of the committee who has dissented his opinion, the report of the committee shall specify that this particular member dissented his opinion.

The chairperson of the committee shall sign the committee report.

Article 70

Committee shall designate a rapporteur who shall explain the opinion and proposal of the committee at his own initiative or at the request of the Parliament.

At the sitting of the Parliament, the rapporteur shall present the position on behalf of the committee with regard to issues related to the committee opinion or proposal and may not amend or abandon the committee proposal, unless otherwise authorised by the committee.

Minutes from the meetings of committees

Article 71

Minutes shall be taken on the work carried out at the meeting of the committee.

The minutes shall include the basic information on the meeting, issues considered, opinions and positions presented, opinion and proposal adopted by the committee.

The secretary and the chairperson of the committee shall sign approved minutes.

Prior to approval, the minutes may be used only with the assent of the chairperson of the committee.

Individual meetings shall be noted down in shorthand or audio recorded, if decided by the committee, at the proposal of the chairperson of the committee or if requested by one third of the members of the committee.

Va PARLIAMENTARY HEARINGS AND A PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Article 72

Responsible committees of the Parliament may organise parliamentary hearings and a parliamentary inquiry for the purpose of consistent application of constitutional norms, explanation of specific issues and decisions from the proposed or existing act, as well as gathering information and facts about activities, events and issues causing ambiguities in the work of state authorities, organisations and responsible institutions.

Consultative Hearing

Article 73

A committee may organise a consultative hearing for the purpose of improving the performing of tasks within its purview (consideration of draft acts, preparing for act proposals), study of specific issues, obtaining required information and professional opinions, and addressing other issues of special interest for citizens and the public.

The committee shall make a decision by a majority vote of the total number of members on holding the hearing referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

If needed, the committee may engage experts and professionals for specific areas (hereinafter referred to as expert and professional consultants), representatives of state authorities and non-governmental organisations, who can participate in the work and express their opinions, with no right to vote.

For the purpose of executing tasks within its purview and consideration of certain contentious issues related to the application of the law, a committee may establish special working groups and include expert and professional consultants in their work.

Following the hearing referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the committee shall draw up a report containing assessments and positions and submit those to responsible institutions for further implementation.

Article 73a

For the purpose of preparing MPs to vote on motions for election of individual officials, the committee responsible for the area for which election is carried out may summon the authorised proposer, as well as nominated candidates, to a consultative hearing.

Following the hearing referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the committee shall draw up a report containing the essence of presented opinions and positions, make the proposal, and submit it to the Parliament.

Article 74

Expert and professional consultants referred to in Article 73 (3) of these Rules shall be entitled to expense reimbursement due to consequent costs regarding their attendance at the committee meeting, as well as to a special remuneration allowance for the provision of professional services.

Expense reimbursement and a remuneration allowance referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be paid in accordance with the act and in the amount as established by the Administrative Committee.

Control Hearing

Article 75

The responsible committee may organise a control hearing for the purpose of more successful exercise of the control function of the Parliament, or monitoring the application of regulations, determining the manner of implementing policy and other activities of the Government, functioning of state administration authorities and other state authorities and organisations which, in accordance with the law, report to the Parliament on the performance and status in certain areas, which cause ambiguities, dilemmas or principle related disputes.

For the purpose of clarifying issues referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the committee shall invite the responsible representative of the Government, representatives of state authorities, organisations and institutions to a meeting and request they state their position regarding.

The committee shall make a decision on control hearing by majority of votes of the total number of its members, with a precisely specified topic and deadline.

The chairperson of the committee shall communicate the decision on control hearing to the President and Vice-President of the Parliament.

The Committee shall summon the person to the hearing and shall inform him of the matters which are the subject of the hearing and shall request he submits the necessary documentation, within a designated time limit.

The summoned authorised representatives of state authorities shall respond to the summons to the control hearing and submit requested documentation.

The Committee shall make a decision on the control hearing twice during an ordinary session of the Parliament, upon the request of one third of its members.

Article 76

In the course of the control hearing, members of the committee may pose questions to the person summoned to the hearing if related to the subject of the hearing only.

A debate shall be opened on the topic of the control hearing, the committee shall decide on its duration and participation of an individual member of the committee, considering that one MP from each MP group must be facilitated to take part in the discussion, if wishing to do so.

Representatives of the civil sector may attend the committee meeting, if interested, at their request, with the approval of the committee chairperson.

Control hearing, by rule, shall be audio recorded.

Article 77

The chairperson of the committee shall propose conclusions on the hearing.

The committee shall present its position with regard to the report and proposed conclusions and submit those to the Parliament for adoption.

Responsible committee shall monitor the implementation of proposed conclusions, draw up and submit the report to the Parliament.

Parliamentary Inquiry

Article 78

Parliamentary inquiry may be opened with the view of considering the situation in a specific area and considering of issues of public significance, collecting information and facts on specific occurrences and events related to establishing and leading policy and work of responsible authorities in such areas, which could be the grounds for decisions to be made by the Parliament on political responsibility of public officials or undertaking other procedures under its competence.

The Parliament may establish an inquiry committee from among the MPs in order to perform the tasks referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Article 79

At least 27 members of the Parliament may submit proposal for opening of a parliamentary inquiry and establishing of an inquiry committee.

The proposal referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be submitted in writing, must be reasoned and include but not be limited to: the name of the committee,

subject, purpose and goal of the parliamentary inquiry, task and composition of the inquiry committee and completion deadline.

The chairperson of the inquiry committee shall be from among the opposition MPs.

Article 80

The motion for parliamentary inquiry and establishing of the inquiry committee shall be proposed for the agenda of the following sitting of the Parliament convened in line with these Rules.

After additional explanation by the representative of the proposer and representative of the responsible committee, the Parliament shall vote without debate on the motion referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article as a whole.

The President of the Parliament shall immediately communicate the proposal referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article to the Minister of Justice and require that he provides information whether a court proceeding is pending with regard to the same facts or issues.

If the Minister of Justice confirms that a court proceeding is pending, the President of the Parliament shall not act in the way and within the time frame referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, and deciding on the proposal shall be postponed until final and enforceable resolution of the court proceeding.

Should the court proceeding initiate after the establishing of the inquiry committee, the inquiry committee shall suspend its work until the final and enforceable completion of the court proceeding.

Article 81

Inquiry Committee shall have the right to request data, documents and notifications from state authorities and individual organisations with the aim to conduct a parliamentary inquiry, and take statements from individuals, if assessed as necessary.

State authorities and other organisations, as well as individuals shall provide authentic documents, data, notifications and statements requested from them by the inquiry committee.

Article 82

After the parliamentary inquiry is completed, the inquiry committee shall submit the report to the Parliament, which also may include proposal with relevant measures or acts under the responsibility of the Parliament.

The inquiry committee shall cease to exist on the day of the decision made by the Parliament on its report, or upon the expiry of the period it was set up for.

VI SESSION AND SITTINGS OF THE PARLIAMENT

A ORDINARY SESSION

1. Duration of Ordinary Session

Session Timing

Article 83

The first ordinary session (spring session) of the Parliament shall commence on the first working day in March and last until the end of July.

The second ordinary session (autumn session) of the Parliament shall commence on the first working day in October and last until the end of December.

During its session, the Parliament shall work in sittings.

3. Convening of the Sitting and Participation in Work

Convening of the Sitting

Article 84

The President of the Parliament shall convene the sitting of the Parliament.

A motion for convening of the Parliament may be submitted by 1/3 of MPs or the Government.

Article 85

The letter of convening to the sitting of the Parliament shall include the day of its holding, the commencement time and proposal agenda for the sitting.

In addition to the agreed proposal of all heads of MP groups belonging to parliamentary opposition, the proposal for the agenda of the sitting shall contain the proposal for one act submitted by MPs of the parliamentary opposition.

The letter of convening shall be sent to MPs no less than 15 days prior to the day determined for holding of the sitting. Materials proposed for the agenda of the sitting shall be delivered along with the letter of convening, unless they are delivered sooner.

If the materials proposed for the agenda of the sitting are delivered to MPs 15 days before the day determined for holding of the sitting, the letter of convening of the Parliament may be dispatched within seven days prior to the day determined for holding such sitting.

Exceptionally, the President of the Parliament may convene the Parliament within the period shorter than seven days and propose the agenda on the sitting itself, based on the agreement reached in the Collegium of the President of the Parliament.

Agenda Proposal

Article 86

Proposal for the agenda of the sitting may include only act proposals prepared in accordance with the Constitution, law and these Rules.

The Parliament may not make decisions with regard to issues if the relevant material has not been delivered to MPs in advance.

The Parliament may not make decisions with regard to issues without the opinion of the responsible committee, unless otherwise determined by these Rules.

Notice of a Sitting

Article 87

The President of the Parliament shall notify the President of Montenegro and the Prime Minister of the convening of the Parliament and proposed agenda of the sitting.

President of Montenegro, Prime Minister and members of the Government and other persons invited to the sitting may take part in its work.

Article 88

The Work Plan of sessions and sittings shall set the time of holding and mode of operation of sittings.

Article 89

Shall be deleted. (Official Gazette of Montenegro 129/20)

3. Course of the Sitting

1) Establishing the Quorum and Agenda

Quorum Required for Sitting

Article 90

The President of the Parliament shall open the sitting of the Parliament and establish if majority of the total number of MPs is attending (hereinafter referred to as quorum).

The quorum shall be required for the beginning of the sitting; approving of minutes; establishing of agenda and voting. Quorum shall not be required during the debate at the sitting.

The quorum shall be determined by application of electronic voting system, in the way that each MP shall personally identify himself (register) by inserting his ID card in the slot of the device on his MP seat or based on the records of the Secretary General of the Parliament.

If required by ten MPs, the quorum shall be determined by roll call of MPs.

The President of the Parliament shall inform the MPs about the MPs who have announced, i.e. reasoned their absence, and the persons invited to attend the sitting.

Approving of Minutes

Article 91

Before establishing the agenda of the sitting, the Parliament shall approve the minutes from the previous sitting.

An MP may raise an objection to the minutes and demand it to be subject to relevant amendments.

The validity of grounds of objections to the minutes shall be decided on without debate.

The President of the Parliament shall affirm that the minutes have been approved without objections or with accepted amendments.

Establishing the Agenda

Article 92

Agenda of the sitting shall be established at the sitting.

An MP, working body of the Parliament and the Government may propose changes to the proposed agenda. Proposals shall be submitted to the President of the Parliament in writing, not later than 24 hours prior to the beginning of the sitting of the Parliament.

The President of the Parliament shall provide required information with regard to the proposed agenda, and then the debate and voting on individual proposals referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall take place.

Only the proposer of changes to the agenda or his representative and proposer or representative of the sponsor of the act for which the change to the agenda is proposed may take part in the debate on the proposed amendments, and the speaking time in the debate may not exceed three minutes.

The Parliament shall decide on each proposal, first on the proposal for removal of specific items from the agenda, and then proposals for supplementing the agenda.

During the period prior to the voting on the agenda proposal as a whole, the President of the Parliament may propose a specific item to be removed from the agenda, which shall be decided upon by the Parliament without debate.

Article 93

If the Legislative Committee proposes a law proposal or other act not to be adopted due to its noncompliance with the Constitution and the legal system, the Parliament shall decide without debate on its compliance after additional explanation provided by the proposer of the act or his representative and representative of the Legislative Committee.

The speaking time referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article may not exceed five minutes.

Act proposal, which, in respect of paragraph 1 of this Article, is assessed not to be compliant with the Constitution and the legal system, shall be excluded from the agenda of the sitting.

Article 94

The Parliament shall decide on the proposed agenda as a whole without debate.

New items to be placed on the agenda shall be included in the agenda according to the order as determined by the President of the Parliament when announcing the established agenda, provided that new items, as a rule, cannot be considered on the first day of the sitting.

After the President of the Parliament announces the established agenda, debate shall take place according to the set order from the agenda.

The President of the Parliament may change the order of debate on specific agenda items in the course of the sitting.

2) Sitting Work

Participation in the Debate

Article 95

Proposers or representatives of the proposer of the act under consideration shall attend the sitting of the Parliament; otherwise, the consideration of the proposed act shall be postponed.

The responsible minister shall participate in the sitting of the Parliament, if being designated as the representative of the proposer of the act under consideration at the sitting.

At the sitting of the Parliament nobody can speak unless they request and are granted the floor by the President of the Parliament.

The President of the Parliament shall give the floor to MPs and other participants in the sitting, by rule, according to the order of registering.

Article 96

After the opening of the debate for each agenda item, the right to speak shall be granted according to the following order:

- proposer or authorised representative of the proposer – right to additional explanation;
- rapporteur of the responsible committee;
- MP who dissented opinion at the meeting of the committee;
- representative of the Government, if the Government is not the proposer;
- MPs according to the order of registering;
- proposer or authorised representative of the proposer during the debate shall have the right to request and be given the floor to respond to asked questions and clarify positions, and after the completed debate they shall be entitled to closing statement.

Rapporteur of the committee and representative of the proposer may speak several times during a debate.

Article 97

After the presentation of an individual MP and representative of the proposer, the head or authorised representative of the MP group and Government representative shall be entitled to request and be given the floor in order to clarify positions or correct quotations or statements from the presentation (comment the presentation).

The MP, whose presentation has been commented, shall be entitled to reply to the participant in the debate who made the comments to his presentation.

The right referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article may be used once, in the duration to three minutes.

After the completion of the debate, and prior to the closing statement, the representative of the proposer and the MP group, wishing to do so, shall be entitled to present the positions of the group, through its representative, in the duration to three minutes.

If an MP group includes MPs belonging to more than one political party and the group of citizens, one MP from each political party and the group of citizens that make the MP group shall have the right in respect of paragraph 4 of this Article.

Article 98

An MP or other participant in the debate may speak only about the proposal placed on the agenda in the envisaged speaking time. If the speaker deviates from agenda and does not observe the envisaged speaking time, the President of the Parliament shall reprimand the same.

If the speaker continues to fail to follow the agenda or speaking time even after the reprimand, the President of the Parliament shall switch off his microphone (cut him off) and call upon the following person registered for debate to speak.

Debate Duration and Speaking Time

Article 99

Debate (general and detailed) on a proposal for a law may last to six hours, by rule three hours for each debate.

Debate on other act proposals and motions for election, appointment and dismissal may last to three hours in total.

The time referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article shall be allocated by the President of the Parliament to MP groups and the Government, proportionally to the number of MPs and Government representatives, taking account that each MP group, as well as non-attached MP should be given time to take part in the debate.

MP group need not use the total time it has available.

Speaking time of MPs and other participants in the debate shall be as follows:

- general debate on a proposal for a law – to ten minutes;
- detailed debate on a proposal for a law – to five minutes, where the presentation must be related to specific solutions (provisions) of the proposal for a law and amendments;
- debate on other act proposals – to ten minutes;
- additional explanation of the act proposal – to ten minutes, answers to questions asked in the course of the debate – two minutes per answer and to five minutes for the closing statement.

Debate related to the proposal for amendments to the Constitution; Prime Minister designate, his programme and proposal for composition of the Government; motion for voting of no confidence in the Government and interpellation shall not be limited, and individual participants in this debate may speak to ten minutes.

Shortening or Extending Speaking Time

Article 100

At the proposal of the President of the Parliament, the Collegium of the President of the Parliament or MP group, the Parliament may decide, without debate, that time of an individual debate should be shortened or extended; determine shorter or longer speaking time for an individual participant in the debate; that floor may be granted only once, and that only a specific number of representatives of an MP group and Government may speak in an individual debate.

The proposal referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article may be submitted not later than the opening of the debate on individual agenda item.

If the Parliament determines shorter or longer duration of the debate, the President of the Parliament shall allocate such time to MP groups and the Government, in accordance with Article 99 (3) of these Rules.

An MP group need not use the time it has on its disposal in total, and it may be used by one or several MPs of such group as decided by the group.

The President of Montenegro and Prime Minister shall not be subject to the restriction related to speaking time and number of requests to be given the floor referred to in this Article and Article 99 of these Rules of Procedure, if they take part in the work of the sitting.

Reply

Article 101

If an MP or other participant in the work of the sitting uses negative language about another MP in his presentation, mentioning his name and function, the MP in question shall have the right to request and be given the floor (right to reply). The President of the Parliament shall give the floor to such MP immediately after the completion of the presentation of the preceding MP.

If negative language is related to an MP group, a political party or groups of citizens, the head, or authorised representative of the group shall have the right to reply.

The proposer or representative of the proposer of the act being subject to debate, as well as other participants in the work of the sitting shall also have the right to reply, in terms of paragraph 1 of this Article.

The right referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Article may be used once, up to three minutes.

The sur-reply shall not be allowed, unless the President of the Parliament assesses that the language used in the reply is also insulting and allows the sur-reply.

Violation of the Rules of Procedure

Article 102

An MP who wishes to speak about the violation of the Rules shall be given the floor by the President of the Parliament immediately upon request. The speaking time of such MP shall not exceed one minute, and he shall refer to a provision of the Rules that he considers to be violated.

After such presentation, the President of the Parliament shall provide an explanation about the violation of the Rules. If the MP is not satisfied with the explanation, the issue shall be resolved in the sitting, without debate.

The President of the Parliament shall pronounce measures prescribed by these Rules to an MP who does not comply with the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article or otherwise manifestly abuses the rights referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

In case referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article, the President of the Parliament shall deprive the speaking time that the MP has used abusing the right referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article from the total speaking time allocated to his group during debate on the current item on the agenda, if his group has any speaking time for the debate left.

Recess and Adjournment of a Sitting

Article 103

The President of the Parliament may determine a recess if it is required by circumstances of the work of the sitting.

The President of the Parliament shall adjourn the sitting: when he ascertains that there is no quorum if the quorum is required; for the need of consultations and obtaining of opinions, and in other cases when decided by the Parliament at his proposal or the proposal of an MP group.

In case of adjournment of the sitting, the President of the Parliament shall set the time for resumption of the sitting.

Place of Speaking

Article 104

An MP, Government member and other participants in the work of the sitting shall speak from their seats using available technical equipment.

The seats of MPs, Government members and other participants in the sitting shall be permanent as designated by the Secretary General of the Parliament, with previously obtained opinion of heads of MP groups and authorised Government representative.

Where the President and the Vice-President of the Parliament take part in the debate, they shall do so from their MP seats.

3) Maintaining Order in the Sitting

Article 105

MPs and other participants in the debate shall respect the dignity of MPs and the Parliament and address each other with respect.

Use of insulting language or presenting facts and assessments relating to the private life of MPs or other persons shall not be allowed.

Article 106

The President of the Parliament shall ensure order during the sittings of the Parliament.

The following measures may be pronounced by the President of the Parliament for violation of order in the sitting of the Parliament: reprimand, ruling out of order and ejecting.

Secretary General of the Parliament shall ensure record keeping of pronounced measures referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article.

The pronounced measures shall be recorded in the sitting minutes.

Article 107

A reprimand measure shall be pronounced to an MP who:

- speaks without previously requesting and being granted the floor;

- speaks about an issue that is not the subject of the debate, despite warnings of the President of the Parliament;
- interrupts other speaker's presentation or hurls insults, and distracts the speaker, or otherwise imperils freedom of speech;
- uses offensive words or phrases;
- presents information and judgements relating to private lives of MPs or other persons;
- uses other actions to disrupt the order of the sitting or acts contrary to the provisions of these Rules.

Article 108

An MP shall be ruled out of order if his speaking disrupts the order of the sitting, and has already been reprimanded twice to observe the order and provisions of these Rules.

An MP who has been pronounced a measure of ruling out of order shall stop his presentation, otherwise the President of the Parliament shall switch off his microphone and, if necessary, determine a short recess.

Article 109

An MP who fails to observe the decision of the President of the Parliament on ruling out of order or disrupts the order of the sitting and continues with his inappropriate behaviour in respect of the Article 107 of these Rules, shall be pronounced the measure of ejecting.

An MP may be pronounced the measure of ejecting from the sitting without pronouncing any previous measures, in case of violation of order or physical attack on an MP or other person in the Parliament.

An MP who has been pronounced with the measure of ejecting shall leave the sitting immediately.

If the MP refuses to leave the sitting, the President of the Parliament shall instruct the official service to eject such MP from the sitting and determine a recess until the measure of ejecting has been executed.

An MP who has been pronounced with the measure of ruling out of order shall not have the right to pose a parliamentary question at the following sitting dedicated to parliamentary questions.

During the course of the sitting, law enforcement personnel may not have access to the Plenary Hall, or any other room during committee meetings, unless invited and approved by the President of the Parliament.

Article 110

If the President of the Parliament may not maintain the order of the sitting using the prescribed measures, he shall determine a short recess.

Article 110a

The measures of reprimand and ruling out of order shall refer to the working day when they are pronounced at the sitting.

The measure of ejecting shall refer to the next / following 15 days of the sitting (work) of the Parliament from the day it is pronounced.

Notwithstanding paragraph 2 of this Article, an MP who is pronounced the measure of ejecting from the sitting of the Parliament shall be entitled to attend the sitting of the Parliament when voting takes place.

Article 110b

Shall be deleted. (Official Gazette of Montenegro 129/20)

Article 110c

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Article 110č

The provisions of these Rules on maintaining the order of the sitting of the Parliament shall apply to all participants of the sitting of the Parliament.

Article 110ć

Chairperson of the committee shall ensure order during the meetings of the committee.

The provisions of these Rules on maintaining the order of the sitting of the Parliament shall be applied accordingly to the meeting of the committee and other working body of the Parliament.

4) Decision Making

Voting

Article 111

The Parliament shall make decisions by votes of MPs, in accordance with the Constitution, law and these Rules.

An MP shall have the right and duty to cast a vote with regard to each motion to be decided on by the Parliament.

Before voting, the President of the Parliament shall establish if there is quorum and call MPs to proceed with voting.

After the voting is completed, the President of the Parliament shall establish and announce the voting results and adopted motions.

Open Voting

Article 112

The Parliament shall make decisions by open voting, unless the law or these Rules envisage that specific issues shall be decided on by secret ballot.

Article 113

Open voting shall be performed by use of electronic voting system, show of hands or roll call.

Voting by show of hands shall be applied only if the electronic voting system is not operational.

Voting by roll call shall be applied if determined by the President of the Parliament or requested by 10 MPs.

Voting by Electronic System

Article 114

When voting by electronic voting system, MPs shall use their personal ID cards only.

At the proposal of the President of the Parliament, an MP who uses other MP's ID card or otherwise abuses the electronic voting system shall be pronounced the measure of ejecting, while the abuse-related voting shall be annulled, and voting shall be repeated, if the abuse causes suspicion with regard to the majority required for decision to be made.

Article 115

Voting by electronic voting system shall be performed by pressing a specific key ("for", "against", "abstain"), and the voting time may not exceed 20 seconds.

In case of a vote by show of hands, MPs in favour of the motion shall first show hands, then those against and finally those abstaining from voting.

After the completed open voting, the President of the Parliament shall establish the vote results and announce if the motion subject to voting has been adopted or not.

Secret Ballot

Article 116

In case of deciding by secret ballot, ballot papers shall be used for voting.

Ballot papers shall be printed in the number that corresponds to the number of MPs, in the same size, shape and colour and certified by the seal of the Parliament.

For each repeated voting, a mark of such voting shall be entered on the ballot paper, or ballot papers in different colour shall be printed.

The Secretary General of the Parliament shall be responsible for printing and certifying of ballot papers.

Article 117

For election or appointment, ballot papers shall include the names of nominees, and there shall be an ordinal number preceding the name of each nominee.

Voting shall be performed by circling the ordinal number preceding the name of the nominee in whose favour an MP votes.

If the ballot paper contains nominees in the number exceeding the number of seats to be filled, only the number of nominees to be elected can be voted for.

If the ballot paper contains only one nominee to be decided on, instead of the ordinal number preceding the name, the ballot paper shall include below the name of

the nominee the word "for" on the left and the word "against" on the right side, and voting shall be performed by circling one of these words.

Secret Ballot Administration

Article 118

Secret ballot shall be administered by the President of the Parliament, whose work shall be assisted by Vice-Presidents and the Secretary General of the Parliament (hereinafter referred to as Voting Commission).

Article 119

Before the beginning of the secret ballot, the President of the Parliament shall provide required explanations on the manner of voting and determine the recess period for establishing voting results.

Secretary General shall roll call MPs and hand them ballot papers, keeping records of MPs who have received ballot papers.

After voting, an MP shall personally place the folded ballot paper in the ballot box.

Article 120

After the completed voting, the Voting Commission shall proceed with establishing of voting results, in the same room where the voting has taken place.

The number of unhandled ballot papers shall be established before the opening of the voting box.

Secret Ballot Report

Article 121

The Voting Commission shall draw up a brief report on secret ballot results, which shall include information on the number of handed ballot papers; ballot papers found in the ballot box (used ballot papers); valid and invalid ballot papers; votes for or against each individual nominee respectively, as well as the statement if the motion has been adopted, or which nominee has been elected.

Article 122

The following shall be considered invalid ballot papers: incomplete ballot papers; ballot papers which fail to clearly show how the MP voted; ballot papers where the number of circled nominees exceeds the number of candidates to be elected.

Article 123

The President of the Parliament shall announce the voting results and whether the motion voted for has been adopted or a nominee elected.

5) Minutes, Audio and Visual Record

Minutes

Article 124

Minutes shall be taken on the work of the sitting of the Parliament.

The minutes shall include the basic information on the work in the sitting and given proposals and conclusions adopted at the sitting.

Voting results on specific motions shall also be included in the minutes.

The Secretary General of the Parliament shall ensure the drawing up of the minutes.

The minutes shall be sent to MPs with the letter of convening to the following sitting at latest.

The Secretary General and the President of the Parliament shall sign the approved minutes.

Audio and Visual Record

Article 125

Sittings of the Parliament shall be audio and video recorded.

MPs and other participants in the work of the sitting of the Parliament shall be provided a typed audio record of their presentations for approval. MPs or other participants in the work of the sitting may make some editing changes to it, within seven days from delivery of the audio record, not causing any changes in the meaning or substance of the presentation.

Typed audio record from the sitting shall be enclosed to the approved minutes and make its integral part.

Article 126

Reporters may use the audio record, except in the case of debates on materials designated with a certain degree of secrecy, in accordance with the law governing data confidentiality, or confidential. When reporters use the audio record from a sitting, they must indicate if the presentation is approved for publication when quoting the presentation.

Article 127

Editing, publishing and safe keeping of audio records from the sittings of the Parliament shall be regulated by a special instruction of the Collegium of the President of the Parliament.

B EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

Article 128

Extraordinary session may be held in the period from the first working day in January to the last working day in February and from the first working day in August to the last working day in September.

Submitter of the request for extraordinary session shall set up the date and agenda of the sitting.

Submitter of the request for extraordinary session may not demand convening of the Parliament in the period shorter than 15 days from the submission date of the request, and may propose placing on the agenda only act proposals that are under their responsibility as a proposer.

The President of the Parliament shall convene sitting of an extraordinary session of the Parliament at the time and with the agenda as specified in the request for extraordinary session.

Exceptionally, the President of Montenegro may request convening of an extraordinary session of the Parliament within the period shorter than envisaged in paragraph 3 of this Article.

The sitting of an extraordinary session shall be subject to application of the provisions of these Rules related to the sitting of the ordinary session, unless otherwise envisaged in this Article.

C SPECIAL AND CEREMONIOUS PARLIAMENTARY SITTING

Article 128a

The President of the Parliament shall convene the Parliament for a special sitting.

The President of the Parliament may convene a special sitting, where the following may address the Parliament: the President of Montenegro, a president or a representative of a foreign state, a representative of a parliament of a foreign state or a representative of an international organisation.

Upon the invitation of the President of the Parliament, depending on the issue that is being discussed, representatives of other bodies and organisations may also address the Parliament.

Article 128b

The Parliament may hold a ceremonious sitting.

The President of the Parliament may, on the occasion of state and international holidays, convene a ceremonious sitting and invite the President of Montenegro, the Prime Minister, representatives of other domestic bodies and organisations and those foreign to address the Parliament.

Article 128c

The President of the Parliament shall determine the agenda of a special and of a ceremonious sitting.

With regard to the manner and deadline for convening a special and a ceremonious sitting, the provisions of these Rules referring to the sitting of the Parliament shall apply accordingly.

VII ACTS OF THE PARLIAMENT AND PROCEDURE FOR THEIR ADOPTION

1. Acts of the Parliament

Article 129

The acts of the Parliament shall be the Constitution, laws, spatial plans, Rules of Procedure of the Parliament, declaration, resolution, decision, recommendation and conclusion.

2. Procedure for Adoption of Laws

1) Initiating of the Procedure

Article 130

A law adoption procedure shall be initiated by submission of a proposal for a law.

The proposal for a law shall be submitted in the form in which the law is adopted, must be reasoned in writing, and delivered in the required number of copies and in electronic form.

The explanatory statement of the proposal for a law shall contain:

- constitutional grounds referred to in Article 16 of the Constitution for regulating matters being the subject of the proposal for a law;
- reasons for adoption of the law;
- compliance with the Acquis Communautaire and ratified international conventions;
- explanation of basic legal concepts;
- estimated financial resources for enforcement of the law;
- public interest why retroactive effect is proposed, if the proposal for a law contains provisions envisaging retroactive effect;
- wording of provisions of the law being amended, if a law on amendments is proposed.

Article 131

Proposer of the law, unless the proposer of the law is an MP, shall designate no more than two representatives when considering the proposal for a law in the Parliament.

If several MPs propose the law, they shall designate one representative of the proposer, and if this fails to be done, the sponsor shall be considered the representative of the proposer.

If six thousand voters propose the law, they shall, along with the proposal for a law, designate an authorised representative to submit the proposal for a law.

Article 132

If the proposal for a law is not prepared in line with these Rules, the President of the Parliament shall request the proposer to adjust the proposal for a law to the provisions of these Rules.

If the proposer of the law fails to accept the position of the President of the Parliament referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the same may submit a written request to the Parliament to state its position with regard to this issue on the first following sitting.

The Parliament shall state its position with regard to the issue referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article without debate.

Article 133

Proposer of the law may, at the occasion of proposing the law that regulates issues of special significance, submit a draft law and request the Parliament to state its position thereof.

The Parliament shall state its position with regard to the draft law referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article by means of a conclusion.

Article 134

If an initiative for adoption of a law is submitted to the Parliament, the President of the Parliament shall communicate it to MPs and the Government for potential submission of a proposal for a law.

2) Consideration of a Proposal for a law

Placing under Procedure

Article 135

The President of the Parliament shall forward a proposal for a law submitted to the Parliament to MPs and responsible committees, and post it on the website of the Parliament.

The President of the Parliament shall forward the proposal for a law to the Government (unless the Government is its proposer) so it would provide its opinion, within the period which may not exceed 15 days from the day of receipt of the proposal for a law.

Article 136

A proposal for a law may not be included in the agenda of the sitting of the Parliament prior to expiry of 15 days from the day of its delivery to MPs, unless otherwise determined by these Rules.

Consideration of Proposal for a law by Committees (first reading)

Article 137

Prior to its consideration in the sitting of the Parliament, responsible committees (Legislative Committee and a lead committee) shall consider a proposal for a law.

If the proposal for a law includes specific issues under the responsibility of other committees, such committees may also consider the proposal for a law from the aspect of such issues.

If the proposal for a law incurs liabilities for the budget of Montenegro, the committee responsible for the budget shall also consider the proposal for a law.

The committees referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article, which in addition to the lead committee consider the proposal for a law, shall submit their opinions to the

lead committee, taking into account the time frame so the relevant committee would be able to consider their opinions.

Article 138

The responsible committee may propose the Parliament to adopt the full text of a proposal for a law, adopt it in the wording amended in relation to the wording submitted by the proposer or not adopt the proposal for a law.

The lead committee shall consider the opinions submitted by other committees that considered the proposal for a law and present the position on the opinions of such committees when reporting to the Parliament.

Article 139

The report of the responsible committee must be delivered to MPs not later than 24 hours before the beginning of the debate at the sitting of the Parliament.

Consideration of the Proposal for a law at the Sitting of the Parliament General Debate Related to the Proposal for a law (second reading)

Article 140

Consideration of the proposal for a law at the sitting of the Parliament shall commence by a general debate on the proposal for a law.

General debate shall include the debate on constitutional grounds referred to in Article 16 of the Constitution; reasons for adoption of the law; its compliance with European legislation and ratified international treaties; substance and effects of proposed solutions and estimated funds required from the budget for enforcement of the law.

After additional explanatory statement, the rapporteurs of the Legislative Committee, the lead committee, and other committees that have considered the proposal for a law may take part in the general debate, followed by the MPs.

Article 141

After the completion of the general debate, the Parliament shall decide on the proposal for a law in general and may decide to accept or not to accept the proposal for a law in general.

If the proposal for a law is not accepted in general, such proposal for a law shall not be subject to detailed debate or voting.

Article 142

If the Parliament adopts the proposal for a law in general, before proceeding to detailed debate on the proposal for a law, the President of the Parliament shall invite responsible committees to additionally consider the proposal for a law and submitted amendments, and submit a relevant report within two days at the latest.

If during the general debate there exist no disputes regarding the constitutional grounds or the need for adoption of the law, and there are no amendments submitted to the proposal for a law or submitted amendments have been accepted by the proposer

of the law, the detailed debate and voting on the full text may proceed immediately after the adoption of the proposal for a law in general.

Detailed Debate on the Proposal for a law (third reading)

Article 143

After additional debate in committees and submission of the report thereon, the Parliament shall proceed to detailed debate on the proposal for a law, which shall include the debate on the solutions in the proposal for a law, submitted but not reconciled amendments and positions and proposals by the committees.

Detailed debate may proceed if MPs have been submitted the report of the committees referred to in Article 142 (1) of these Rules.

Article 144

At the beginning of the detailed debate, the rapporteur of the responsible committee shall inform the Parliament on the result of debates of committees and explain the position and proposal of the committee, and then MPs and representative of the proposer shall take part.

If there is a significant number of submitted but not reconciled amendments, which substantially change the substance of the proposal for a law, or if it is necessary to make a significant number of amendments for the purpose of its improvement, the Parliament may, at the proposal of the responsible committee and with approval of the proposer of the law, decide to consider the proposal for a law as a draft law.

The Parliament shall decide on the proposal referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article prior to proceeding to the detailed debate on the proposal for a law.

Prior to closing of the detailed debate, the representative of the proposer shall be entitled to closing statement, in the duration to five minutes maximum.

Article 145

After the completed detailed debate, the vote shall proceed on amendments not making an integral part of the proposal for a law, and then on the full text of the proposal for a law.

If the proposal for a law includes provisions, which envisage retroactive effect, the Parliament shall state its position separately if there is public interest in such retroactive effect.

Article 146

At the proposal of the President of the Parliament, the Parliament may decide that full texts of proposals for laws should be voted on a specified date or at specified time during the sitting.

Article 147

Proposer of the law may withdraw the proposal for a law in the period preceding the completion of the detailed debate on the proposal for a law.

3) Amendments

Article 148

Proposal for amending a proposal for a law shall be submitted in the form of amendments in writing and must be reasoned.

Amendments shall be submitted not later than the date of completion of the general debate, and proposer of the law and responsible committee may submit amendments during the period before the detailed debate.

Article 149

Amendment to the proposal for a law shall be communicated to MPs, its proposer, the Government, unless it proposers the law, and responsible committee, unless it submits amendments.

Responsible committee shall consider amendments submitted to the proposal for a law and propose to the Parliament which amendments to adopt and which to reject.

Article 150

The Parliament shall decide on amendments according to the order of Articles of the proposal for a law, which they are related to.

If several amendments are submitted to the same Article of the proposal for a law, the amendment proposing deletion of such Article shall be decided on first, and then the amendments submitted by MPs, the responsible committee and the Government.

Amendments submitted by the proposer of the law and amendment accepted by the proposer of the law shall become an integral part of the proposal for a law and the Parliament shall not make any special decisions regarding.

4) Urgent Procedure for Adoption of Laws

Article 151

Exceptionally, a law may be adopted under urgent procedure.

Urgent procedure may be applied for adoption of a law that is to regulate issues and relations resulting from circumstances that could have not been foreseen and whose failure to be adopted could cause adverse effects, as well as a law that needs to be harmonised with European legislation or international treaties and conventions.

The proposer of the law shall state the reasons why it is necessary to adopt the law under urgent procedure in the explanatory statement to the proposal for a law.

Article 152

The proposal for a law that is proposed to be adopted under urgent procedure may be placed on the agenda of the Parliament sitting if it is submitted not later than seven days prior to the beginning of the sitting.

Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of this Article, the proposal for a law regulating issues and relations arising in the event of a state of emergency, an emergency circumstance caused by a communicable disease epidemic, natural disasters and hazards, as well as the proposal for a law regulating defence and security issues may be placed at the agenda of the Parliament if submitted not later than 24 hours before the beginning of the sitting.

If the Parliament accepts the proposal for a law to be adopted under urgent procedure, it shall set the time frame for the responsible committee to consider the proposal for a law and submit the report, as well as the time frame for the Government, unless it is the proposer of the law, to issue its opinion on the proposal for a law.

Article 153

When responsible committee considers the proposal for a law proposed to be adopted under urgent procedure, the Parliament may decide that the debate on the proposal for a law should commence immediately without the written report, in which case the rapporteur of the committee would present it orally at the sitting.

If the responsible committee fails to submit the report within the established time frame, the debate on the law may be carried out in the Parliament without the committee report.

Amendments to the proposal for a law to be adopted under urgent procedure may be submitted during the period preceding the completion of the debate.

3. Adoption of Other Acts

1) Procedure for Adoption of Other Acts

Article 154

Other acts shall be adopted in accordance with the provisions of these Rules related to the procedure for adoption of laws, where the debate shall be single.

Required documentation shall be submitted along with proposals for spatial plans, budget law and law on final budget statement.

2) Decision-Making Related to Calling Referendum

Article 155

The procedure for deciding on calling referendum shall be initiated by submission of the proposal for decision on calling referendum.

The wording of the proposal for decision may not be placed on the agenda of the sitting of the Parliament prior to expiry of 15 days from the day of its submission to MPs.

3) Deciding on Raising Loans and Borrowings of Montenegro

Article 156

The act on raising loans and borrowings of Montenegro shall be adopted, subject to the type of the submitted act proposal, in accordance with the provisions of these Rules.

4. Procedure for an Authentic Interpretation

Article 157

Shall be deleted. (Official Gazette of Montenegro 80/10)

Article 158

Shall be deleted. (Official Gazette of Montenegro 80/10)

Article 159

Shall be deleted. (Official Gazette of Montenegro 80/10)

5. Procedure for Ratification of International Treaties

Article 160

An international treaty shall be ratified by a law.

The proposal for a law on ratification of an international treaty shall also incorporate the wording of the international treaty whose ratification is proposed.

An explanatory statement must support the proposal for a law on ratification of an international treaty. The explanatory statement shall include the reasons for proposing ratification of the international treaty and an estimate of required financial resources, if the international treaty incurs liabilities for the budget of Montenegro.

Article 161

Laws on ratification of international treaties shall be adopted in accordance with the provisions of these Rules related to the procedure for adoption of laws, where the debate on the Proposal for a law shall be single.

6. Procedure for Report Consideration

Article 162

In accordance with law, the President of the Parliament shall communicate the reports submitted by individual bodies to the Parliament to MPs and the responsible committee.

With regard to consideration of reports, the Parliament shall adopt conclusions that may include assessments and positions on specific issues.

7. Procedure for Amending the Constitution of Montenegro

Motion for Amending the Constitution

Article 163

The President of the Parliament shall communicate the motion for amending the Constitution to MPs, the Constitutional Committee and the Government, unless it is the submitter of the motion.

The motion for amending the Constitution may not be placed on the agenda of the sitting of the Parliament prior to expiry of 30 days from the day of its delivery to MPs.

Article 164

The motion for amending the Constitution shall be subject to a single debate at the sitting of the Parliament.

After the completion of the debate, the Parliament shall decide on the motion for amendments to the Constitution.

Article 165

The Parliament may adopt the motion for amending the Constitution in whole, in the wording amended in relation to the proposed one, or not adopt it.

The submitter of the motion for amending the Constitution may withdraw the motion in whole or in part during the period preceding the completion of the debate on the motion.

Article 166

Having adopted the motion for amending the Constitution, the Parliament shall set the time frame for the Constitutional Committee to establish the wording of the draft amendments to the Constitution and submit it to the Parliament.

The wording of the draft amendments to the Constitution must include the explanatory statement of proposed solutions.

Draft Amendments to the Constitution

Article 167

The President of the Parliament shall submit the wording of the draft amendments to the Constitution to MPs and the Government to provide their opinions.

The wording of the draft amendments to the Constitution may not be placed on the agenda of the sitting of the Parliament unless the period of 20 days from the day of its delivery to MPs has expired.

Article 168

The wording of the draft amendments to the Constitution shall be subject to a single debate.

In the course of the debate, the Parliament may decide to amend specific amendments at the proposal of at least five MPs.

After the completion of the debate, the Parliament shall decide on the wording of the draft amendments to the Constitution as a whole.

Article 169

The formulated draft amendments to the Constitution shall be published in a daily paper as determined by the Collegium of the President of the Parliament and on the web site of the Parliament.

Anyone may issue an opinion, proposal or suggestion on the draft amendments within 30 days from the day of publication of the draft amendments to the Constitution.

The opinions, proposals and suggestions referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall be submitted to the Constitutional Committee.

Proposal for Amendments to the Constitution

Article 170

The Constitutional Committee shall proceed with establishing of the proposal for amendments to the Constitution and proposal for the constitutional law for

implementation of amendments, after the expiry of 30 days from the publication date of the draft amendments to the Constitution.

The Constitutional Committee shall consider any submitted proposals, opinions and suggestions on the draft amendments and take its position with regard to them.

The Constitutional Committee shall submit the proposal for amendments with an explanatory statement and proposal for constitutional law for implementation of amendments to the Parliament not later than 30 days from expiry of the time frame referred to in Article 169 (2) of these Rules.

Article 171

The President of the Parliament shall submit the proposal for amendments to the Constitution and proposal for constitutional law for implementation of amendments to MPs and the Government for issue of their opinion.

Proposal for amendments to the Constitution may not be placed on the agenda of the sitting of the Parliament prior to expiry of 20 days from the day of their submission to MPs.

Article 172

Each proposal for amendments to the Constitution shall be subject to a detailed debate at the sitting of the Parliament.

At least ten MPs, the President of Montenegro or the Government may submit the proposal for amending specific solutions in the proposal for amendments.

The proposal referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall be submitted in writing, together with the explanatory statement, not later than five days prior to the beginning of the sitting at which the proposal for amendments shall be considered. The President of the Parliament shall communicate this proposal to MPs and the Constitutional Committee.

Prior to the sitting of the Parliament, the Constitutional Committee shall consider the proposals referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article and propose to the Parliament which proposals to accept and which to reject.

After the completed debate and voting on the proposals referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article, the Parliament shall decide on the full text of the proposal for amendments.

Article 173

When the motion for amending the Constitution proposes the adoption of a new Constitution, the procedure for establishing the wording of the draft Constitution and proposal for Constitution shall be subject to application of the provisions of Articles 166 to 172 of these Rules.

VIII ELECTION, APPOINTMENT AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

1. Election of the Prime Minister and Members of the Government

Article 174

The programme of the Prime Minister designate and his nominations for the composition of the Government shall be communicated to MPs not later than three days before the beginning of the sitting at which the election of the Government is decided on.

The Prime Minister designate, his programme and nominated composition of the Government shall be subject to debate at the sitting of the Parliament.

The Prime Minister designate, his programme and nominated composition of the Government shall be decided on by the Parliament at the same time, by open voting.

Article 175

If the Government fails to be elected, the President of the Parliament shall immediately inform the President of Montenegro thereof.

Article 176

The Prime Minister shall submit to the Parliament the motion for changes in the composition of the Government during the term of office of the Government, in writing.

2. Election of Judges of the Constitutional Court

Article 177

In accordance with their competences, the President of Montenegro, or the responsible committee, shall propose to the Parliament as many nominees for judges of the Constitutional Court as is needed to be elected.

The nomination of the judge of the Constitutional Court shall be subject to opening of a debate.

The judges of the Constitutional Court shall be elected by open voting, with each nominated candidate decided on individually.

Should any of nominees fail to be elected, the President of the Parliament shall inform the President of Montenegro thereof, or the responsible committee.

3. Election of lay members of Judicial Council and members of Prosecutorial Council

Article 178

Number of nominees for the election of lay members of the Judicial Council shall be the same as needed to be elected.

Number of nominees for the election of lay members of the Prosecutorial Council shall be the same as needed to be elected.

The motion for election of lay members of the Judicial Council and lay members of the Prosecutorial Council, and election of officials, shall be subject to opening of a debate.

After the completion of the debate, open voting shall proceed, and each nominated candidate shall be decided on individually.

3a. Election of Supreme Public Prosecutor

Article 178a

The motion for election of the Supreme Public Prosecutor shall be subject to opening of a debate.

After the completion of the debate, open voting shall proceed.

New debate shall be initiated on all nominees for the Supreme State Prosecutor meeting the legal requirements, not earlier than one month, if the proposed nominee for the Supreme Public Prosecutor fails to be elected after the first voting.

After the completion of the debate referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article, second voting shall proceed.

Appointment of the Supreme Public Prosecutor, during the second vote, shall be conducted by secret ballot, in the way envisaged by the provisions of these Rules on deciding by secret ballot.

4. Dismissal of Officials

Article 179

The provisions of these Rules relevant to the procedure of election or appointment shall be accordingly applied to the dismissal procedure, unless these Rules envisage otherwise.

5. Resignation of Officials

Article 180

Officials elected or appointed by the Parliament shall notify the Parliament of their resignation in writing.

Should the Prime Minister resign, the President of the Parliament shall communicate his resignation notification to MPs and the President of Montenegro.

Should a Government member resign, the President of the Parliament shall communicate his resignation notification to MPs and the Prime Minister.

Should any other official resign, the President of the Parliament shall communicate his resignation notification to MPs and the proposer who had nominated the relevant official for election or appointment.

Article 181

At the first sitting after the notification of resignation, the Parliament shall verify that the Prime Minister or the Government, Government member, or other official has resigned.

IX RELATIONS OF THE PARLIAMENT AND THE PRESIDENT OF MONTENEGRO

1. Promulgation of Laws

Article 182

The President of the Parliament shall immediately, and not later than three days after the adoption, submit the law to the President of Montenegro for the purpose of its promulgation.

If the President of Montenegro demands that the Parliament should again vote the law, the President of the Parliament shall include such law in the agenda of the first following sitting of the Parliament.

The President of the Parliament shall immediately communicate the readopted law to the President of Montenegro for the purpose of its promulgation.

2. Nominating Candidates for Specific Functions

Article 183

The President of Montenegro shall communicate the Prime Minister designate and nominated candidates for two judges of the Constitutional Court and Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms, along with relevant explanatory statements to the President of the Parliament in writing.

3. Procedure for Dismissal of the President of Montenegro

Article 184

The motion for the Parliament to initiate the procedure for establishing if the President of Montenegro has violated the Constitution shall be submitted in writing and must be reasoned.

The President of the Parliament shall immediately communicate the motion for initiating the procedure for establishing if the President of Montenegro has violated the Constitution to MPs, the Constitutional Committee and the President of Montenegro.

Article 185

The motion for initiating the procedure for establishing if the President of Montenegro has violated the Constitution shall be placed on the agenda of the sitting of the Parliament no earlier than ten days from the day of its submission.

The Constitutional Committee shall consider the motion and submit a report to the Parliament within eight days.

The motion for initiating the procedure for establishing if the President of Montenegro has violated the Constitution shall be subject to opening of a debate at the sitting of the Parliament.

The Parliament may decide to adopt or reject the motion for initiating the procedure for establishing if the President of Montenegro has violated the Constitution.

The President of the Parliament shall communicate the motion for initiating the procedure for establishing if the President of Montenegro has violated the Constitution to the Constitutional Court and designate a person to represent the Parliament in the procedure before the Constitutional Court.

The President of the Parliament shall communicate the decision of the Constitutional Court establishing that the President of Montenegro has not violated the Constitution to MPs.

Article 186

The President of the Parliament shall communicate the decision of the Constitutional Court establishing that the President of Montenegro has violated the Constitution to MPs and the Constitutional Committee to provide their opinions, as well as the President of Montenegro.

With regard to the decision of the Constitutional Court referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, a debate shall be opened at the sitting of the Parliament not later than 15 days from the day of delivery of the decision.

The President of Montenegro shall be entitled to state his position with regard to the reasons stated in the decision of the Constitutional Court and opinions presented in the debate at the sitting of the Parliament before the decision is made with regard to the dismissal.

After the completion of the debate, the Parliament shall decide on the dismissal of the President of Montenegro.

X RELATIONS OF THE PARLIAMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT

1. Prime Minister's Hour, Parliamentary Question and Topic-specific Parliamentary Question

Posing Questions

Article 187

For the purpose of obtaining necessary information about certain issues concerning the Government's performance, i.e. concerning the planned policy implementation, an MP shall be entitled to pose a parliamentary question to the Government or a responsible minister and be responded to (hereafter referred to as 'the parliamentary question').

The head or the authorised representative of an MP group shall be entitled to pose a question to the Prime Minister and be responded to on issues related to Government's performance (hereafter referred to as 'the question to the Prime Minister').

A parliamentary question shall be posed at a special sitting of the Parliament, held at least once in a two-month period during an ordinary session.

Topic-specific parliamentary question shall be posed at a special sitting of the Parliament, during the month in which the sitting referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article is not held.

A question to the Prime Minister shall be posed at the beginning of the sitting referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Article (the Prime Minister's Hour).

The special sitting of the Parliament referred to in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of this Article shall be convened by the President of the Parliament pursuant to Article 84 of these Rules, with the possibility for the notice to be shorter than the one referred to in Article 85 of these Rules, and the existence of quorum shall not be required for the work of the sitting.

Prime Minister's Hour

Article 187a

The time for posing questions to the Prime Minister shall not exceed five minutes, while the Prime Minister's response shall not exceed five minutes.

Following the provided oral response referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the head and/or an authorised representative of the MP group who posed the question shall have the right to comment on the response for not longer than three minutes, and the Prime Minister's response to the comment shall not exceed three minutes.

Following the Prime Minister's response to the comment, the head and/or an authorised representative of the MP group who posed the question shall have the right to voice his position on the Prime Minister's response for not longer than two minutes.

The head and/or an authorised representative of the MP group, who would like to pose the question to the Prime Minister, shall submit that question to the President of the Parliament in writing, not later than 72 hours before the beginning of the sitting, and the Prime Minister shall submit his response in writing, not later than the beginning of the sitting where questions to the Prime Minister are posed.

Parliamentary Question

Article 188

An MP may pose no more than two parliamentary questions at the same sitting.

An MP wishing to pose a parliamentary question at the sitting shall submit such question to the President of the Parliament in writing not later than 48 hours before the sitting and an explanatory statement may support it.

Clearly formulated parliamentary questions shall be posed orally at the sitting, and may not have the nature of a debate.

The time for posing one parliamentary question shall not exceed three minutes.

An MP may not speak with regard to the parliamentary question, the answer to the parliamentary question or the comment to the answer of another MP.

Article 189

If the President of the Parliament considers that the posed parliamentary question is not in compliance with the provisions of these Rules or it has been posed to a person who is not a Government member, he shall warn the MP posing the question and call on him to adjust the question to relevant provisions.

Answer to Parliamentary Question

Article 190

The Prime Minister, minister or other authorised representative of the Government shall answer a parliamentary question orally, immediately after an MP finishes posing the question or at the end of the same sitting, taking the time not exceeding five minutes per a question.

Article 191

A written response to a parliamentary question shall be submitted to the President of the Parliament, not later than the beginning of the questioning of the

responsible minister, or the authorised representative of the Government, at the sitting in progress.

Comments to Answers and Supplementary Questions

Article 192

After the answer to the parliamentary question is provided, an MP who posed the question shall be entitled to comment the answer in the time not exceeding three minutes and may ask a supplementary a question in the time not exceeding one minute.

Article 193

The Prime Minister, minister or other authorised representative of the Government shall provide the answer to the supplementary question in accordance with the provisions of these Rules related to answers to parliamentary questions.

The answer to a supplementary parliamentary question shall be the final stage in the procedure of answering the parliamentary question.

Topic-specific parliamentary question

Article 193a

Upon the proposal by MP groups of both parliamentary opposition and parliamentary majority, a special sitting referred to in Article 187 (4) of these Rules shall be held, where a responsible minister of the Government shall respond to parliamentary questions posed with regard to a specific topic.

MP groups, one-time parliamentary opposition MPs, another time parliamentary majority MPs, alternate on giving the proposal that includes the specifically stated topic on which the questions are posed and the full name of the responsible minister.

The proposal referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall be submitted to the President of the Parliament, in writing, not later than seven days before the scheduled day of the sitting.

The President of the Parliament shall submit the said proposal to the MPs and the responsible minister.

Article 193b

The head and/or an authorised representative of the MP group shall have the right to pose a question on a certain topic to the responsible minister.

The time allocated for posing a question to the responsible minister shall not exceed five minutes, and the response to the posed question shall not exceed five minutes.

Following the response referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article, the MP who posed the question shall have the right to comment on the response for not longer than three minutes, and the responsible minister's response to the comment shall not exceed three minutes.

The MP who posed the question shall have the right to voice his position on the responses for not longer than two minutes.

2. Motion of No-Confidence or Confidence in the Government

Article 194

A motion of no confidence vote in the Government must include the reasons why the motion of no confidence vote is proposed.

The President of the Parliament shall immediately communicate the motion of no confidence vote to MPs and the Prime Minister.

Article 195

The motion of no confidence in the Government shall be subject to opening of a debate at the sitting of the Parliament.

At the outset of the debate, the representative of the proposer shall be entitled to explain the motion, and the Prime Minister to provide an answer.

After the completed debate, the voting on no confidence in the Government shall proceed.

Article 196

The Government shall propose a motion of confidence vote to the Parliament in writing.

The motion of confidence vote shall be proposed by the Prime Minister on behalf of the Government, and he shall be entitled to explain it.

The motion of confidence vote shall be subject to opening of a debate.

After the completion of the debate, a confidence vote shall take place.

Article 197

Voting on no confidence or confidence in the Government shall be open.

No confidence vote shall be conducted in the way that MPs shall state if they are for no confidence or against any confidence.

Confidence vote shall be conducted in the way that MPs shall state if they are "for confidence" or "against confidence".

If the Government loses confidence, the President of the Parliament shall immediately inform the President of Montenegro thereof.

3. Consideration Procedure for Interpellation on the Work of the Government

Article 198

Interpellation for discussing specific issues related to the work of Government shall be submitted to the President of the Parliament in writing, and the issue that is to be considered must be clearly worded and reasoned.

The President of the Parliament shall immediately communicate the interpellation to MPs and the Government.

Article 199

The Government may consider the interpellation and submit to the Parliament a written report including its opinion and positions with regard to the interpellation, not later than 30 days after the date of receiving the interpellation.

The President of the Parliament shall communicate the report of the Government related to the interpellation to MPs.

Article 200

Interpellation shall be placed on the agenda of the first following sitting of the Parliament to be held after the submission of the report of the Government.

If the Government fails to submit the report, the interpellation shall be placed on the agenda of the first following sitting of the Parliament upon the expiry of the time frame for submission of the report of the Government.

Article 201

One of the MPs who submitted the interpellation shall be entitled to reason the interpellation at the sitting of the Parliament.

The Prime Minister or authorised representative of the Government shall be entitled to reason the report of the Government or if the report is not submitted, he may provide an oral answer to the interpellation at the sitting of the Parliament.

Article 202

The debate on interpellation may be finalised by adopting a conclusion on issues initiated by the interpellation, or it may be finalised without making any decisions.

After the completion of the debate on interpellation, a motion of no confidence in the Government may be proposed, in line with these Rules.

Article 203

MPs who have submitted an interpellation may withdraw it prior to the completion of the debate.

If certain MPs abandon the interpellation, and the number of its sponsors decreases below the number required for submission of the interpellation, the interpellation shall be considered to be withdrawn.

XI RELATIONS OF THE PARLIAMENT AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF MONTENEGRO

Article 204

The President of the Parliament shall communicate to MPs, the Constitutional Committee and the Government the act on initiating constitutional or judicial review of an act of the Parliament, referred to the Parliament by the Constitutional Court.

Article 205

The Constitutional Committee shall consider the act on initiating constitutional or judicial review of an act of the Parliament.

If the Constitutional Committee determines that the act on initiating constitutional or judicial review should not be accepted, because, in the committee opinion, the act the

constitutional or judicial review of which is in progress is in accordance with the Constitution, i.e. the law, it shall inform the Constitutional Court of its position and the reasons for non-acceptance.

Article 206

If the Constitutional Committee determines that there exist grounds for reviewing an act of the Parliament, the constitutional or judicial review of which is in progress, it shall propose to the Parliament to consider the act on initiating constitutional or judicial review with a proposed conclusion for the MPs or the Government to prepare a proposal for amending the act the constitutional or judicial review of which is in progress.

The Parliament may request the Constitutional Court to stop the proceedings for amending the contested act, or request the Constitutional Court to extend the deadline for submitting the notification or response.

Article 207

The President of the Parliament shall appropriately inform MPs and the Government on the decision of the Constitutional Court establishing that the act of the Parliament is not properly compliant with the Constitution or law.

XII PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

1. Cooperation with Parliaments of Other Countries

Article 208

The Parliament and standing committees of the Parliament shall cooperate with parliaments of other countries and their relevant working bodies on bilateral and multilateral level, through visits of the delegation or individual MPs, or reception of parliamentary delegations and foreign members of parliaments, participation in international gatherings, exchange of information and other forms of cooperation.

2. Cooperation with Parliamentary Assemblies of International Organisations and Other International Structures

Article 209

The Parliament and standing committees of the Parliament shall cooperate with parliamentary assemblies, i.e. relevant working bodies of parliamentary assemblies of international organisations and other international structures for the purpose of exercising the role of the parliament in the process of European and Euro-Atlantic integration.

Article 210

Parliamentary cooperation referred to in Articles 208 and 209 of these Rules shall be exercised based on the rules on carrying out international activities of the Parliament, adopted by the Collegium of the President of the Parliament and

cooperation programme, which is adopted by the Parliament at the proposal of the committee on International Relations and Emigrants.

The head and members of the delegation of the Parliament, goals and tasks of visits to foreign countries, parliamentary assemblies and other international structures and platform for debates shall be established by the Collegium of the President of the Parliament.

When determining composition of the delegation of the Parliament referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article, the appropriate participation of the underrepresented gender shall be taken into account.

The head of the delegation of the Parliament or individual MPs paying a visit shall submit a report on the visit, i.e. discussions to the committee on International Relations and Emigrants within ten days from the completion of the visit.

XIII PUBLIC NATURE OF THE WORK OF THE PARLIAMENT

Article 211

The work of the Parliament and its committees shall be public.

The sitting of the Parliament and meeting of a committee shall be closed for the public in case of considering an act or material designated with a certain degree of secrecy, in accordance with the law governing data confidentiality.

The Parliament may decide, without debate, to close the sitting or a part of the sitting for the public upon a reasoned proposal by the Government or ten MPs.

Article 212

For the purpose of ensuring more comprehensive information to the public on the work of the Parliament, the Parliament shall have its web site and social media accounts.

Running, publishing and online advertising on the website and social media accounts shall be regulated in more detail by a special act adopted by the Secretary General of the Parliament, and with the prior approval of the President of the Parliament.

Article 213

The Parliament shall inform the public of its work, topics discussed and decisions made.

Act proposals discussed may be published in media or in a special publication.

Article 214

Television and other electronic media shall be entitled to direct broadcasting of the sittings of the Parliament and meeting of its committees.

The Parliament shall provide conditions for the television and other electronic media to broadcast sittings of the Parliament.

Article 215

Sittings of the Parliament and meetings of committees of the Parliament shall be covered by reporters accredited by the responsible authority.

Article 216

Materials considered at the sitting of the Parliament or the meeting of the committee shall be at disposal of reporters, unless otherwise determined in the general act on the manner of handling the material in the Parliament that is marked with certain degree of secrecy or confidential.

The Parliament shall ensure the reporters to be provided with conditions required for covering the sittings of the Parliament and meetings of committees.

The Secretary General of the Parliament shall ensure the application of the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article.

Article 217

Official statements for the media may be issued or press conferences held for the purpose of comprehensive and accurate informing of the public on the work of the Parliament and its committees.

The wording of official statements for the Parliament or a committee shall be drawn up by relevant service of the Parliament, and approved by the President of the Parliament or the Chairperson of the committee or authorised person.

Press conference in the Parliament may be held by an MP group or an individual MP.

At the invitation of an MP, the president of a political parliamentary party, not an MP himself, may also attend the conference referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article.

Article 217a

Conditions and manner of exercising transparency of Parliamentary work shall be regulated in more detail by the Rulebook on Transparency of Parliamentary Work, adopted by the Secretary General of the Parliament, and with the prior approval of the President of the Parliament.

XIV PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE

Article 218

Parliamentary Service shall perform professional and other tasks for the needs of the Parliament, committees of the Parliament, MPs in the Parliament and specific tasks for MP groups.

Article 219

In performing tasks referred to in Article 218 of these Rules, the Parliamentary Service shall particularly:

- take part in preparing and organising sittings of the Parliament, its committees and Collegium of the President of the Parliament;
- perform professional and other tasks for the needs of the President, Vice-Presidents and Secretary General of the Parliament;
- draft wording of adopted laws and prepare them for submission to the President of Montenegro for promulgation and publication;

- produce the texts of adopted acts and prepare them for publication in the Official Gazette of Montenegro;
- produce committee reports;
- perform professional and other tasks related to referring of act proposals and other materials that the President of the Parliament forwards to relevant committees of the Parliament and state authorities;
- prepare act proposals and other materials as required by the President, Vice-Presidents, committees and MPs;
- provide professional opinions as required by MPs, committees and MP groups for the need of carrying out their duties;
- perform professional and other tasks related to carrying out of international parliamentary cooperation;
- collect, process, keep, give for use and exchange information and documentary materials required for work of MPs, committees and the Parliament;
- organise cooperation with reporters and provide them with materials for exercise of their rights and duties in respect of reporting on the work of the Parliament;
- edit and issue relevant informative publications and audio records of the sittings of the Parliament;
- prepare, sort and keep original laws, other regulations and general acts adopted by the Parliament;
- perform tasks related to exercise of employment rights of officials in the Parliament, and civil servants and employees in the Parliamentary Service;
- perform tasks related to office administration, accounting and material-financial tasks, typing and other administrative and technical tasks for the Parliament, committees, MPs, MP groups and Parliamentary Service;
- perform other professional, administrative and technical tasks as required by the Parliament, President and Vice-Presidents of the Parliament and Secretary General of the Parliament.

Parliamentary Service may provide professional opinions on individual issues referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article to the chairperson of the committee and the President of the Parliament in written form.

Article 220

The performance of activities and tasks of the Parliamentary Service, its internal organisation, number of civil servants and employees and individual job descriptions, shall be regulated by a rulebook on organisation and job scheme of working positions, in accordance with law and these Rules.

The Rulebook on Organisation and Job Scheme of Working Positions in the Parliamentary Service shall be passed by the Secretary General of the Parliament, with previously obtained opinion of the Collegium of the President of the Parliament.

The rulebook referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall be subject to approval of the Administrative Committee.

Article 221

In respect of rights, duties and responsibilities of civil servants in the Parliamentary Service, the Secretary General of the Parliament shall have the rights and duties equivalent to those of an official managing a ministry.

XV ORGANISATION AND WORK OF THE PARLIAMENT IN THE STATE OF EMERGENCY, EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCE, DIRECT WAR THREAT OR WAR

Article 222

Organisation and work of the Parliament in the case of state of emergency, direct war threat or war shall be regulated by a special decision of the Parliament.

Organisation and work of the Parliament in the event of declaring an emergency circumstance caused by a communicable disease Covid-19 epidemic

Article 222a

An MP whose freedom of movement has been restricted by the competent authority, due to the implementation of a measure to protect the population from communicable diseases in an emergency circumstance caused by the Covid-19 epidemic, may vote at a sitting of the Parliament and its working bodies outside the Parliament (hereinafter referred to as: the remote sitting) via secure information and communication technology.

An MP referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall notify the President of the Parliament and/or the Chairperson of the working body, in writing or electronically (e-mail), of reasons for participating in the work of the remote sitting (measures of isolation) not later than the beginning of the scheduled sitting or the continuation of the adjourned sitting.

The remote sitting shall be conducted via the information technology referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, which shall enable the transmission of data, image and sound in real time, of such quality that the identity of an MP voting at the sitting can be established without a doubt.

Article 222b

When establishing the quorum, MPs present in person in the plenary hall of the Parliament and MPs participating via secure information and communication technology shall be considered present.

At the remote sitting, the Parliament shall decide by public voting, as follows: using the electronic voting system, by show of hands, roll call or using information technology referred to in Article 222a (1) of these Rules.

If at the remote sitting the Parliament decides on the election of the President and vice presidents of the Parliament, as well as the Supreme Public Prosecutor, public voting shall be conducted in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article.

Article 222c

Shall be deleted. (Official Gazette of Montenegro 129/20)

XVI. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 223

Secretary General of the Parliament shall adopt a rulebook on organisation and systematisation of working posts in the Parliamentary Service and submit it to the Administrative Committee for approval within 30 days from the day these Rules enter into force.

Article 223a

The regulations referred to in Article 212 (2) and Article 217a of these Rules shall be adopted by the Secretary General of the Parliament within 90 days of the entering into force of this decision.

Article 224

As of the day these Rules enter into force, the following are hereby repealed:

- Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro (Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro 37/96);
- Decision on Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro (Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro 16/98 and 24/97);
- Decision on establishing the Gender Equality Committee (Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro 35/01);
- Decision on establishing the Committee on European Integration (Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro 54/03);
- Decision on establishing the Security and Defence Committee (Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro 36/05 and 43/05).

Article 225

These Rules shall enter into force on the eight day of its publication in the Official Gazette of Montenegro.