



STATEMENT BY
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS
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ON THE OCCASION OF

THE ADMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF
MONTENEGRO TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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President Vujanović, Mr. Secretary-General, Mr. Foreign Minister, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great honour and pleasure for me on this historic occasion to welcome, on behalf of the General Assembly, the Republic of Montenegro as a new Member of the United Nations.

I congratulate the people and government of the Republic of Montenegro, and I congratulate the United Nations on the admission of its 192nd Member State.

Less than six weeks ago, the people of Montenegro held a referendum with a very high voter turn-out, where a majority of the voters chose independence. Two weeks later, on 3 June, the Parliament of Montenegro passed a declaration on the independence of the Republic of Montenegro. In an open, democratic and peaceful manner, Montenegro has secured a smooth transition to the status of an independent and sovereign State.

In demonstrating its adherence to democratic values and principles and the rule of law, Montenegro has set an important example. I am confident that Montenegro will strive for good neighbourly relations and strong regional cooperation in the Western Balkans, thus promoting stability in an area struck by conflict in the recent past.

I believe that Montenegro will also actively contribute to the multilateral efforts of the General Assembly and the United Nations in addressing the multitude of global challenges that lie ahead.

I wish the Republic of Montenegro and its people peace, prosperity and every success for the future.

Again, warmly welcome to the United Nations.