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

It is a great pleasure to address this distinctive forum which continues to bring together the most responsible ones, committed to achieving and protecting the common good, peace and stability. This also confirms the irreplaceable role and respect of the United Nations in the international community.

While expressing my respect to the valuable contribution made by the previous President of the UN General Assembly, Mr. Ali Abdussalam Treki, I would like to welcome the election of Joseph Deiss for the President of the 65th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, wishing him every success.

I would like to pay special tribute to the Secretary –General Ban Ki-moon for the affirmation of the UN as inevitable player in solving crucial issues that have been on the international agenda, which have become more complex and demanding than ever.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As the youngest member of the UN, Montenegro has proved to be a reliable partner of the UN mission -that is the world of peace, security and prosperity for everyone. At the same time, thanks to the UN support, Montenegro has significantly enhanced its respect in the international organizations, while ensuring the quality of reforms in its own state and society.

Current global economic and financial crisis, even in the light of the improvement of global finances and economy, shows that, in addition to the crucial role of the largest and richest countries, especially G8 and G20, the United Nations is unavoidable in the global actions that are undertaken for the stabilization of the global economy.

Montenegro supports the pragmatic reforms of the UN. We also welcome the recent adoption of the General Assembly Resolution on System-wide Coherence and timely initiative of the GA President Joseph Deiss, to put on the agenda of this year's General Debate the reaffirmation of the central role of the UN in Global Governance.

Protection of international peace and stability continues to be in the focus of the UN General Assembly agenda. Being positive that no progress and stability could be ensured without peace and security, Montenegro supports and contributes to the efforts of the United Nations in this regard, affirming basic principles of the UN Charter relating to peaceful settlement of disputes, through diplomatic activities.

Having in mind our foreign policy priorities, that is European and Euro-Atlantic integrations, when considering and taking each and every concrete action concerning conflict zones in the framework of the UN, Montenegro harmonizes its policy with the EU foreign policy approach, taking due account of the specific national interest.

Our best contribution is to continue to have a constructive role as a factor of stability in the international community, especially in the Western Balkans and South-East Europe.

We highly support the UN efforts in implementation of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and we welcome the announcement of more intensive activities in the preparation and drafting of the UN Convention on Prevention of Terrorism. Montenegro is of the opinion that only through coordinated efforts of the international community can global terrorism be efficiently defeated. We support various UN documents on fight against corruption, organized crime, illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and trafficking in human beings.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Montenegro has been fully committed to implementing all international legal instruments regulating disarmament and arms control, and support any new constructive initiative aimed at strengthening and improving international co-operation for reduction and elimination of the risks and consequences of the production and use of any type of arms or lethal weapons.

Montenegro highly appreciates the importance and role of the UN peace-keeping mission as a unique instrument for creation and maintenance of peace as well as for peace-building in conflict zones. A decades-long experience in peace-keeping operations confirms the justification and relevance of this concept and strategic policy of the UN. The peace-keeping operations were successful in reducing negative effects of the conflicts, preventing further escalation and disruption of regional and international peace, stability and security.

As a proof of its responsibility and contribution to maintenance of peace and stability as our shared goal, Montenegro, although a small and the youngest member of the UN, continuously enhances its participation and contribution in this regard. We will make further contributions in line with the international efforts, but also in line with our tradition, as the Principality of Montenegro, as a sovereign state, participated in the international peace-keeping mission back in 1897.

Starting from the crucial importance of the Millennium Declaration and achieving the Millennium Development Goals, which would be further encouraged, we are sure, by the exchange of views and recommendations of the High Level Meeting recently held in the framework of the UN General Assembly, Montenegro supports the implementation of all relevant strategies, programs and initiatives of the UN in this regard.

The crisis has additionally assured us that further realization of the sustainable development concept, which implies creation of balance between economic and social development and environmental protection, is necessary. To this end, we remain committed to the resolutions of the UN and Commission on Sustainable Development, which have also been fully expressed in the Millennium Declaration of 2000.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Montenegro supports permanent efforts and attention of the UN to the current challenges in Africa. To this end, fulfillment of the MDGs and implementation of all UN documents is of crucial importance, including Millennium Summit decisions. As a country in the process of the European integrations, Montenegro supports partnership relations between the EU and Africa, as well as efforts undertaken with a view to solving development challenges and eradication of poverty on the African continent.

In the context of climate change and its adverse effects, we are fully committed to finding common response in accordance with the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. We have been further committed to this end having in mind effects of natural disasters last year, which caused heavy loss of life and huge material damages and devastation. To mention Haiti earthquake and floods in Pakistan as recent disasters. Therefore, global response and action is required, not only at the humanitarian level, but for reducing the effects of natural disasters and reconstruction and further development of affected regions and countries.

In order to make our own response to the responsible and complex issue of climate change, we have established a Regional Forum in Montenegro, together with neighboring countries and countries from the region, which deals with the challenges and prevention of climate change at national and regional level.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Montenegro is fully dedicated to promotion and universal protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms of each person. We strongly support the activities of the Human Rights Council and Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, including more intensive functional interaction with the General Assembly and relevant Committees.

We believe in potentials and capacities of the United Nations, strengthened by active participation and strong contribution of each member state, to find adequate responses and take actions aimed at resolving ever increasing global challenges.

The United Nations is dedicated to a man and mankind, affirming peace and prosperity, and remains irreplaceable global value to which Montenegro proudly belongs.

I assure you that Montenegro will continue to give its strong support to strengthening and affirming the UN and improving its efficiency, responsibility and readiness to meet the needs of each member state.

Thank you for your attention.