

Memorandum on Cooperation between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Montenegro

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Montenegro, hereinafter referred to as the “Both Sides”,

- Wishing to strengthen and develop friendly relations between both countries and peoples, based on the principles of mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of both countries,
- Determined to promote the strengthening of co-operation and understanding, on the basis of partnership and mutual benefit,
- Sharing the importance of fundamental values such as democracy, freedom, the rule of law and human rights,
- Recognizing and reaffirming the importance and usefulness of dialogue on various levels on the matters of mutual interest for the Both Sides and active cooperation in international fora,

Wish to record the following:

1. The Both Sides intend to further strengthen:
  - (1) bilateral relations in the fields of politics, economy, culture, science and education, and exchanges between the peoples, as well as development of new forms for promoting relations between Japan and Montenegro;
  - (2) regional and global co-operation of common interest.
  
2. Indicative areas of Co-operation:
  - (1) Security issues: arms control, disarmament, combating transnational challenges and threats, proper functioning and implementation of the appropriate international and regional regimes and mechanisms.
    - Particular attention should be paid to such priority issues as non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and related materials and technologies, nuclear disarmament, conventional arms controls, including illicit trafficking in small arms and light weapons, international terrorism, maritime security, cyber-security, etc.
    - Particular attention should be paid to the following facts:
    - (i) security in Asia and Europe, both of which are in the interest of the international community as a whole, affects each other;
    - (ii) the European and Euro Atlantic integration of Montenegro and the Western Balkans will promote the peace and stability in Europe as a whole;
    - (iii) the provision of official development assistance (ODA) has contributed to the welfare

of the people of Montenegro as well as the promotion of the reforms necessary for the integration into Europe, which is highly appreciated by the people of Montenegro.

(2) Reform of the United Nations.

- Special attention should be paid to the ongoing reform of the United Nations, in particular early reform of the Security Council and revitalization of the General Assembly, with a view to further enhancing the effectiveness of this world organization.

(3) Other areas of common interest to be identified in a flexible manner between the Both Sides.

3. For the purpose of further enhancing and deepening cooperation between the two countries, a bilateral regular policy dialogue is to be established. In principle, the policy dialogue is to be held through yearly meetings preferably at the level of Director-General or other levels as appropriate. In the dialogue, the Both Sides will coordinate areas of co-operation between governmental departments and offices of both countries and set goals for follow-on action with a view to defining the modalities for co-operation in the areas identified in paragraph 2.
4. In addition to the dialogues in a bilateral context, the Both Sides' representatives in third countries, to international organizations and at international conferences and meetings, are encouraged to consult each other whenever necessary on issues of mutual interest.

Signed in Tokyo on 4 June 2012, in two originals in the English language.

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