



The President – Le Président

H.E. Ms. Vesna Medenica
President
Supreme Court of Montenegro

Strasbourg, 4 March 2019

Dear President, *dear Vesna,*

Arriving back in Strasbourg, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again and most sincerely, on behalf of myself and Judge Ivana Jelić, as well as Ms Rachael Kondak, for your kind invitation to visit Montenegro, the impeccable organization of the visit, and your incredible hospitality.

It was my honour and privilege to meet with the President of your country, Mr Milo Đukanović, and to have such an informed conversation about relations with the European Court of Human Rights. I also highly appreciated the high-level working meetings with the President of the Government, Mr Duško Marković, and the Vice-President and the Minister of Justice, Mr Zoran Pažin, as well as with the President of the Constitutional Court, Mr Dragoljub Drašković. I believe that these exchanges were extremely useful for improving our understanding of your achievements and identifying the challenges ahead. It was also useful to have informal contacts with Ms Valentina Pavličić, Government Agent, and I thank her for the time she afforded to our delegation during our stay. Please convey my sincere thanks and gratitude to them personally.

Thank you also for inviting me to participate in the useful seminar on the prohibition of torture and inhuman treatment which the Supreme Court organized in co-operation with the AIRE centre. The seminar testifies to the high regard given to the Court's case-law at the domestic level in Montenegro. Allow me once again to congratulate you on the excellent publication "Analysis of the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights in respect of Montenegro". I commend this publication as a positive example for the region.

Once again, thank you very much for receiving us so hospitably and with so much generosity in Montenegro. I would like to pay a special thanks to Ms Mirjana Bobičić, Head of your Cabinet, and the whole team, for taking care of us during our stay. Your own energy and dynamism, with the view to ever improving the cooperation with the European Court of Human Rights, is very much admired and appreciated here in Strasbourg. I have every confidence that the strong ties we have forged will continue to flourish in the future.

Yours sincerely,
With warmest personal regards,
Guido Raimondi
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