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Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents (CETS No.205)

Consultation of the Parties

Conclusions on the implementation of recommendations in respect of Montenegro adopted by the Consultation of Parties

The Consultation of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents (CETS No. 205) (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”), acting under the terms of Article 12, paragraph 2, sub-paragraphs a and b, of the Convention;

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 11, paragraph 1, of the Convention concerning the role of the Council of Europe Access Info Group (AIG) in monitoring the implementation of the Convention;

Bearing in mind the overarching obligation under Article 2, paragraph 2, of the Convention on each Party to take the necessary measures in its domestic law to give effect to the provisions for access to official documents set out in this Convention;

Having regard to the Rules of Procedure of the Consultation of the Parties;

Having regard to the baseline evaluation report concerning the implementation of the Convention by Montenegro adopted by the AIG at its 6th meeting (29-31 May 2024) which focuses on the Law on Free Access to Information as well as the comments of the Government received on 15 July 2024;

Recalling the Consultation of the Parties’ conclusions and recommendations on the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Access to Official Documents by Montenegro (TC-CP(2024)08) published on 3 October 2024, hereinafter referred to as “the 2024 recommendations”;

Having examined the information provided by the government of Montenegro on the 2024 recommendations (TC-CP(2025)13) and the subsequent AIG’s comments on that information (AIG(2026)04REV2), makes the following conclusions:

1. Notes that the Law on Free Access to Information has been repealed and replaced by a new Law on Free Access to Information which was adopted by the Parliament of Montenegro on 27 December 2025 and whose application started on 8 July 2026;

2. Invites the government of Montenegro to provide the AIG without delay with information on the content of the new law for its evaluation.