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Podgorica, 05/03/2020 (Parliament of Montenegro, Blv. Svetog Petra Cetinjskog 10)

14:00 – 14:30 Arrival and registration of participants

14:30 – 15:00 Opening remarks

- **Mr. Ivan Brajovic**, President of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro
- **Mr. Halil Dukovic**, President of the Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms
- **Mr. Sinisa Bejkovic**, Ombudsman of the Republic of Montenegro
- **Mr. Aivo Orav**, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro
- **Ms. Angela Longo**, No Hate Speech and Cooperation Unit, Council of Europe
- **Mr. Ninoslav Mladenovic**, Council of Europe Office in Belgrade, Moderator

15:00 – 16:00 Importance of ensuring justice and promoting anti-discrimination and protection of the civil rights of LGBTI persons (exchange of experiences and lessons learned)

- **Mr. Pedja Grbin**, Member of Parliament of the Republic of Croatia (SDP)
- **Mr. Arsen Bauk**, Member of Parliament of the Republic of Croatia (SDP)
- **Ms. Melanie Vogel**, European Green Party, Committee Member for France
- **Ms. Blanka Radosevic Marovic**, Ministry of Human and Minority Rights, Moderator

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:30 Open debate

- **Danijel Kalezic**, Queer Montenegro, Moderator

17:30 – 18:00 Conclusions and recommendations on the ways forward

- **Mr. Halil Dukovic**, Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms
- **Mr. Ninoslav Mladenovic**, Council of Europe

18:30 – 19:30 Buffet dinner Hotel Podgorica (Svetlane Kane Radević 1)