

## **Azerbaijan - Montenegro relations**

### **Brief historical information on diplomatic relations:**

Azerbaijan has recognized the independence of Montenegro on 24<sup>th</sup> of July, 2006. Protocol about establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of Azerbaijan and Montenegro was signed on 24<sup>th</sup> of April, 2008.

### **High-level mutual visits:**

#### **Heads of states:**

- 15-17 of September 2011 - President of Montenegro Mr. Filip Vujanović, official visit
- 29 June-1 July 2012 - President of Montenegro Mr. Filip Vujanović, working visit
- 12 March 2013 - President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, official visit
- 15-17 December 2013 - President of Montenegro Mr. Filip Vujanović, working visit

#### **Heads of Governments:**

- 15 -17 July 2012 - Prime minister of Montenegro Mr. Ćor Lukšić, official visit

#### **Chairmen of Parliaments:**

- 28 June -2 July 2014 - Chairman of Parliament of Montenegro and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Ranko Krivokapic
- 14-17 April 2014 - Chairman of Parliament of Montenegro and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Ranko Krivokapic (Participation the twenty-third annual session of the OSCE PA held under the slogan “Helsinki+40: towards common security”)

## **Ministers:**

- 25-26 November 2010 - Minister of foreign affairs and European integration of Montenegro Mr. Milan Roćen, official visit
- 4-5 May 2011 - Minister of foreign affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov, official visit
- 7-8 April 2011 - Minister of culture of Montenegro Mr. Branislav Mućinović
- 6-7 November 2011 - Minister of economic development of the Republic of Azerbaijan Shahin Mustafayev
- 21-23 December 2011 - Minister of foreign affairs and European integration of Montenegro Milan Roćen, working visit
- 4-7 April 2013 - Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Petar Ivanovic – Economic Forum
- 29 May-01 June 2013 - Minister of culture of Montenegro Mr. Branislav Mućinović
- 5-7 March 2014 - Minister of economic development of the Republic of Azerbaijan Shahin Mustafayev (participation in the 1st meeting of the Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Government of Montenegro)
- 3-5 April 2014 - Minister of Tourism and Sustainable Development Branimir Gvozdanovic

## **Inter-parliamentary relations:**

8 April 2011 - Azerbaijan-Montenegro Inter-parliamentary Relations Working Group was created in National Assembly (Milli Mejlis) of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Chairman of group is İgbal Mammadov.

In December 2013, the Parliament of Montenegro approved the friendship Group with Azerbaijan. Chairman of the Group is Vice President of the Parliament of Montenegro Mr. Suljo Mustafic.

### **Cooperation in different fields:**

#### **Cooperation in political field:**

##### ***Signed documents:***

26 November, 2010, Baku - “Protocol on cooperation between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro”.

“The Declaration on Friendly Relations and Partnership between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Government of Montenegro” 12 March, 2013.

#### **Cooperation in economic field:**

3-6 November, 2011 - Minister of economic development of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Mr. Sh.Mustafayev has paid an official visit to Serbia. Azerbaijan-Balkan business-forum was held during this visit, with the participation of about 40 businessmen from Azerbaijan, as well as 250 participants from Balkan states, including those from Montenegro. Also the opening of Azerbaijan-Montenegro Center for Cultural and Economic Relations “AzMont” was realized during the visit.

Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the the Government of Montenegro was established 7 March 2013.

On March 5, the 1st meeting of the Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation between Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Government of the Republic of Montenegro was held in Podgorica.

5 - 7 March 2014 was held Azerbaijan – Montenegro Business Forum organized by Azerbaijan Export and Investment Promotion Foundation (AZPROMO) and the Chamber of Economy of Montenegro.

### ***Signed documents:***

1. “Agreement on economic cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Government of Montenegro” – 16 September, 2011, Baku.
2. “Agreement between the Government of the Republic Azerbaijan and the Government of Montenegro on promotion and reciprocal protection of investments” – 16 September, 2011.
3. “Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Government of Montenegro on cooperation in the field of tourism” - 16 September, 2011.
4. “The Convention on Evasion of Double Taxation in Relation to Profit and Income Taxes and Prevention of Tax Evasion between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Government of Montenegro” 12 March, 2013.
5. “The Agreement on International Combined Transportations between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Government of Montenegro” 12 March, 2013.

### **Cooperation humanitarian field:**

7-8 April 2011 and 29 may- 1 June - Minister of culture and tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan Abulfas Garayev met with the Minister of culture of Montenegro Branislav Mućinović during the Forum of World Inter-cultural Dialog held in Baku.

11-12 June, 2011 - Jubilee exhibition of the works of Huseyn Aliyev in Bar city was held dedicated to his 100 years anniversary of birthdate and the concert was organized performed by Academic FarhadBadalbayli rector of Baku Music Academy and world-wide famous musician, prominent violin player Dmitri Yablonski, all with the support and organization of Minister of Culture of Montenegro, Executive of Bar and the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Romania.

***Signed documents:***

- “Agreement between the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Ministry of Culture of Montenegro on cooperation in the field of culture” – 16 September, 2011.
- “Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Government of the Montenegro on abolition of visa requirements for holders of diplomatic and service passports” – 26 November, 2010, Baku.
- On March 7, Montenegro Investment Promotion Agency (MIPA) and AZPROMO signed memorandum of agreement.

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