

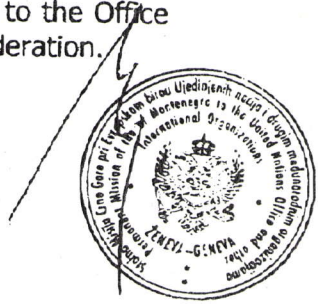


PERMANENT MISSION OF MONTENEGRO TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA
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The Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and, regarding the implementation of the Human Rights Council resolution 12/6 entitled "Human rights of migrants: Migration and human rights of the child", has the honour to convey the reply of the competent Montenegrin authorities.

The Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.



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International Refugee Law is present in many documents that were also ratified by the former SFRY. In its practice, Montenegro respects the provisions of international documents related to this area, both in the category and the scope resulting from the status of displaced persons and refugees. The most important among them are:

- The 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees
- The 1967 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees
- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)
- The 1949 Geneva Convention.
- Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Bureau for the Care of Refugees is responsible for realization of general characteristics of care for displaced persons and refugees, in terms of providing humanitarian aid and assistance in resolving accommodation problems.

Refugees and displaced persons this way exercise rights to:

- legal aid
- health care
- education
- employment
- complete freedom of movement
- humanitarian aid.

as well as all other rights that do not require special conditions arising from the status of Montenegrin citizen.

Realization of these and other rights is in accordance with legal acts that regulate the particular issue.

When it comes to the right to humanitarian aid, a number of the displaced remains excluded from this kind of assistance, due to application of certain criteria. This is the result of a lack of sufficient amounts of aid; therefore, the target group are the most vulnerable refugees and displaced persons.

In this period, these criteria are tightened due to permanent reduction of humanitarian assistance.

Basic social rights are respected (accommodation in specialized and health care institutions, both for children and adults).

The interests of children without parental care are protected by competent services, unless they are accompanied by close relatives.

The right to repatriation is based on the free choice and assessment of those who opt for return. Bureau for the Care of Refugees supports all components of return-related activities, in cooperation with international organizations.