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Dear Ms Radojevic, *Dear Gordana*

On behalf of Eurostat and in my personal name, I would like to express my gratitude for informing Eurostat on your Government's issuance of a Commitment on Confidence in Montenegro's National Statistical System and congratulate you and MONSTAT with this important step on your path towards compliance with the EU *acquis*.

The statistical law of Montenegro was already seen as one of the best laws in the enlargement countries and a good example for the region, because it ensures professional independence and promotes trust. On 22 February 2018, the Montenegrin Government has further enhanced the National Statistical Institute's independent status by committing to guarantee the professional independence of MONSTAT and openly demonstrating trust in Montenegro's National Statistical System. Montenegro is the first in the region and ahead of an important number of EU Member States in its alignment to the amended EU statistical law.

I would also like to express my particular appreciation to you and your staff for the stimulating statistical cooperation between Eurostat and MONSTAT demonstrated in this and other important issues. We feel very privileged supporting you and your country in the development of your statistical system.

Yours sincerely,


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