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Ambassador Aleksandar Andrija Pejović was born on 26 June 1974 in Kotor. He completed master studies in the area of international relations – European and South East European Studies in the Faculty of State Administration and Political Sciences, National University of Greece, Athens. He completed elementary and high school in Herceg Novi and the Faculty of English Language and Literature in Novi Sad.

Ambassador Pejović is the State Secretary for European Integration, Chief Negotiator for Negotiations on Accession of Montenegro to the European Union (since December 2011), as well as the National Coordinator for Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance.

In the last two years (since March 2010) he has been Ambassador - Head of the Mission of Montenegro to the EU and (since October 2010) the permanent representative - Ambassador of Montenegro to Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in Hague. During his mandate in Brussels, he participated in the most important events related to the European integration of Montenegro, including delivery of answers to the EC Questionnaire, award of the

candidate status and the latest decision on initiation of negotiations. His work is reflected in our relations, communication and meetings with the European Commission, European Parliament and the Council of the EU, as well as with the representatives of member states, countries from the region and other members of the diplomatic corps in Brussels.

Prior to his appointment as the Ambassador to the EU, he was Director of the Directorate for European Union in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro for three years. In this position also, he was fully engaged in cooperation between Montenegro and EU, particularly in political relations and dialogue with EU, but also in common foreign and security policy of the Union. In this capacity, he participated in all the most important gatherings and meetings between our and the European officials. Furthermore, he was a member of various Government working bodies in the process of European integration, and coordinated preparation of answers to the EC Questionnaire - Political Criteria and the Chapter 31 – Foreign, Security and Defence Policy.

He has been working in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2000. He performed duties in several departments within the Ministry – multilateral affairs (UN and regional cooperation), bilateral affairs (neighbouring countries and Western Europe) and the EU. He worked in the Office for Cooperation between Montenegro and Slovenia in Ljubljana, as well as in the Embassy of Serbia and Montenegro in Skopje, where he also performed the duty of national representative to the Regional Centre for Migrations, Asylum and Refugees. He was national coordinator for Montenegrin chairmanship of the Adriatic Ionian Initiative, coordinator for chairmanship of the Migration, Asylum, Refugees Regional Initiative and deputy national coordinator for fight against human trafficking. Before his employment in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro, he had worked as professor in the Grammar School in Herceg Novi for three years and a half.

He speaks several languages, among which English, Italian, French, Slovenian and Macedonian. In free time, he is engaged in writing and sculpting. He is the author of several specialist papers on international relations and geopolitics, as well as of one novel *Amabor*.