

**ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO,  
ANDRIJA MANDIĆ, AT THE SIXTH WORLD CONFERENCE OF SPEAKERS  
OF PARLIAMENTS**

Distinguished Speakers of Parliament, esteemed colleagues, dear hosts,

Today, we gather at a time when the world is facing profound upheavals, instability, and renewed conflicts. From this place, as the Speaker of Parliament of a geographically small, yet proud and historically significant country — Montenegro — I wish to express our sincere commitment to the ideals of peace, justice, and prosperity for all people.

Montenegro has a population of just over 600,000. We do not possess the power to influence global currents, but we firmly believe that even a small nation can be a strong voice of conscience and an example of the right path.

Our commitment is to build an inclusive society that respects the dignity of every individual, as well as the cultural and national identities of all peoples and communities living in Montenegro. In this, we see our strength — and we believe that through such an approach, we can send a positive message to the world. That Switzerland is not the only country that, through internal harmony, can become a model of stability and peace.

The goal of the current parliamentary majority is to make Montenegro a country of free, happy, and prosperous people — a country where every

citizen is safe and respected. At a time when wars and conflicts are once again becoming part of humanity's daily reality, this intention takes on special importance. Because we believe that the politics of peace is the most important political choice a country can make.

We demonstrate our commitment to peace and cooperation not only through words, but also through actions: we are closing negotiating chapters on our path toward the EU, renewing relations with our neighbors and partners in the region and around the world, and at the same time working persistently on reconciling the different identity and historical layers within Montenegrin society itself.

That is precisely why gatherings such as this one are of exceptional importance. Parliaments, as the expression of the people's will, must be pillars of multilateral cooperation and carriers of a culture of dialogue. Only through joint effort can we build a world in which the values of freedom, justice, and prosperity will be universal and accessible to all.

Thank you for your attention.