

MONTENEGRO: STATE ATTACK ON THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

30 JANUARY 2020

1-2 p.m. - Room 6

ON 27 DECEMBER 2019, THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO ADOPTED A "**LAW ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEFS AND LEGAL STATUS OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES**".

THIS LAW IS A DIRECT THREAT ON THE CHURCH:

- IT PROHIBITS AND HINDERS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOLS BY RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES.
- IT CONFISCATES AND NATIONALISES ALMOST ALL THE PROPERTIES OF THE CHURCH.
- IT OBLIGES THE CHURCH TO APPLY FOR A NEW REGISTRATION, WHEREAS IT ALREADY HAS LEGAL PERSONALITY.
- IT INTERFERES DIRECTLY IN THE CANONICAL ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH, FORBIDDING, *INTER ALIA*, SOME BISHOPS FROM EXERCISING THEIR MINISTRY IN MONTENEGRO.

MODERATOR:

GRÉGOR PUPPINCK

PHD, GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (ECLJ)

THE ECLJ WILL PRESENT A CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER.

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