

### **MONTENEGRO SIGNED ASSOCIATION ACCORD WITH EU**

- ☒ EU and Montenegrin officials on Monday signed the Stabilization and Association Agreement in Luxembourg. By signing the Agreement, Montenegro became the fourth Western Balkan country that has signed its SAA with the EU, following Slovenia, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Albania. The SAA represents an important step on the road to EU candidacy status. EU Enlargement Commissioner Oli Rehn called Monday's signing "an important milestone" and he underlined that it is great to have again good news from and for the Western Balkans. [Setimes; Reuters 15/10/07]

### **ITALY DECIDED TO RATIFY ALBANIA'S SAA WITH EU**

- ☒ Tuesday October 16, Italian Parliament decided to give approval for ratification of Albania's SAA with EU and by this It became 11 th country to ratify country's SAA with EU. According to Albanian Foreign Minister this is another step that proof that the country can rely on Italy's support in the Integration

process. Albania expected Denmark to be the country who will ratify the SAA next. Recently Albanian delegation also visited Canada where Albanian delegation headed by Speaker Jozefina Topalli met the Speaker of the Canadian Senate Noel Kinsella who also confirmed Ottawa's support for Albania NATO integration efforts.[Setimes ,17/10/007]

### **CROATIA ELECTED A NON – PERMANENT MEMBER IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL**

- ☒ At the elections in New York on 16 October 2007, in the third round of voting, supported by 184 countries, Republic of Croatia was elected a non permanent member of the UN security Council .The Candidacy for UN Security Council was a serious project headed by the Croatian President , Prime Minister and Parliamentary Speaker and conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration. Winning a seat on UN Security Council, Croatia will replace Slovakia at the end of the year and serve as Security Council member for the next two years. According to Foreign Ministry of Croatia it is The Election to the UN is serious testimony for its reputation as well as well as opportunity to proof itself as a dedicated partner in solving the

fundamental issues of the world peace and security.[Setimes, FMC 17/10/07]

### **BELGRADE – PRISTINA TALKS CONTINUING IN VIENNA**

- ☒ The third round of direct talks between Belgrade and Pristina will take place on Monday in Vienna. . Represented at Ministerial level, Belgrade delegation will meet Pristina representatives lead by President Fatmr Sejdiu and Prime Minister Agim Ceku. Just before the meeting, Pristina delegation in Paris will have a meeting with French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner. He would later meet also Belgrade delegation. His intention is to speak with both delegations about " The prospects that we hope will be offered by the report due for submission to UN Secretary General Ban Ki – moon .Kouchner urges for recent progress in current talks and therefore he add that possible extension of the talks could be concerned. After the First round held on September 28 in New York both sides insisted on their previously defined positions: Serbia standing for essential autonomy for the province and Kosovo for country full independence.[B92 19/10/07]