**ACTIVITES**
**Delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union
11th legislature (3 June 2016 - 3 August 2020)**

* The Inter-Parliamentary Union, held a virtual meeting in the format of a “quintet” on 30 June 2020, on the occasion of International Day of Parliamentarism. IPU Executive Committee member Mladen Grujic took part on behalf of the National Assembly delegation to the IPU and the Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia.
* The National Assembly hosted the 141st Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, 13 – 17 October 2019, attended by 150 parliamentary delegations from around the world, among them 77 parliament speakers and 60 deputy speakers. The 141st IPU Assembly adopted the Belgrade Declaration presented by Mladen Grujic, member of the National Assembly delegation to the IPU and IPU Executive Committee.

[IPU141 Video Highlights](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rrVDnbxdA2M&ab_channel=Inter-ParliamentaryUnion%28IPU%29)
* MP Mladen Grujic, member of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Executive Committee, and Dr Aleksandra Jerkov, President of the IPU Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians, members of the National Assembly standing delegation to IPU, took part in the meeting of the Steering Committee of the Twelve Plus Group.
* A delegation of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia comprising Natasa Mihailovic Vacic, Mladen Grujic and Sanda Raskovic Ivic took part in the International Parliamentary Seminar on Media Freedom in London, 9 – 11 September 2019. The Seminar was hosted by the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (BGIPU) and the UK Parliament.
* Dr Milorad Mijatovic, member of the National Assembly’s standing delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), took part in the meeting of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 18 July 2019.
* MP Olena Papuga, member of the Committee on Human and Minority Rights and Gender Equality, took part in the seminar on “Parliamentary engagement on human rights: identifying good practices and new opportunities for action” in the Palace of Nations in Geneva, 24 - 26 June 2019, organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union in collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.
* Dr Milorad Mijatovic, member of the National Assembly’s standing delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union, took part in the regional seminar on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, in Lisbon, 5-6 June 2019.
* Prof. Dr Snezana Bogosavljevic Boskovic, member of the National Assembly’s standing delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union, took part in the Sixth Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva, 13 – 17 May 2019, organized by UNDRR and hosted by the Swiss Government.
* The National Assembly delegation to IPU took part in the 140th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Doha, 6 – 10 April 2019, where Serbia was presented as the host of the next assembly to be held on the 130th anniversary of IPU, the oldest and biggest international parliamentary organization, comprising 178 full members, national parliaments of sovereign states, which Serbia has been a member of since its foundation in 1889.
* Mladen Grujic, member of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Executive Committee, took part in the meeting of the IPU Twelve Plus Group Steering Committee, 24-26 March 2019, in Faial and Terceira, Portugal.
* Dr Milorad Mijatovic and Dr Sanda Raskovic Ivic, members of the National Assembly’s standing delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union, met on 13 February 2019, at the National Assembly House, with IPU Co-Rapporteur on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade and member of the Ghanaian Parliament Haruna Iddrisu.
* At a solemn ceremony in Geneva, on 8 February 2019, the Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia Maja Gojkovic signed the Agreement between the National Assembly and the Inter-Parliamentary Union with IPU Secretary General Martin Chungong on the 141st IPU Assembly, to be held in Belgrade, 13-17 October 2019.
* Jelena Mijatovic, member of the National Assembly’s standing delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union took part in the Fifth Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians “Promoting sustainability, protecting the interests of future generations”, 14 - 15 December 2018, in Baku, Azerbaijan.
* Member of the National Assembly’s delegation to IPU Dr Milorad Mijatovic took part in the seminar on parliamentary cooperation in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in Jerusalem, 20 - 21 November 2018.
* On 18 October 2018, the Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union confirmed Serbia’s candidacy to host the 141st IPU Assembly in October 2019 in Belgrade. The Belgrade session will be held on the 130th anniversary of this oldest and biggest international parliamentary organization, which Serbia has been member of almost since its foundation in 1889. The Governing Council confirmed National Assembly Speaker Maja Gojkovic’s membership in the Preparatory Committee of the Summit of Speakers of Parliament scheduled for 2020.
* Mladen Grujic, member of the National Assembly’s standing delegation to IPU, was elected to the Inter-Parliamentary Union Executive Committee at the 139th IPU Assembly in Geneva on 13 October 2018.
* National Assembly Speaker Maja Gojkovic and the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Gabriela Cuevas Barron opened the Regional Seminar entitled “Parliamentary cooperation for sustainable development: Combating poverty and promoting health care”, held on 24-25 May 2018 at the National Assembly House.
* The National Assembly’s standing delegation comprising Dr Milorad Mijatovic, Prof. Dr Snezana Bogosavljevic Boskovic, Dr Sanda Raskovic Ivic and MA Aleksandra Jerkov took part in the 138th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, 26-28 March 2018, in Geneva.
* Dr Milorad Mijatovic, member of the National Assembly’s standing delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union, took part in the UN Parliamentary Hearing on 22 - 23 February 2018 with the topic “Toward a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration: A parliamentary perspective”.
* The Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia and Head of the National Assembly standing delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union Maja Gojkovic took part in the 137th Inter-Parliamentary Union session in Saint Petersburg, 14-19 October 2017. In her address Gojkovic spoke about the multicultural environment in Serbia, respecting the individual and collective rights of minority communities and the importance of dialogue between the different groups for the preservation of pluralism. In the afternoon of the first day of the session, Speaker Gojkovic chaired the general debate attended by the speakers of parliament. The National Assembly delegation also comprised MPs Dr Milorad Mijatovic, Prof. Dr Snezana Bogosavljevic Boskovic, Mladen Grujic, Dr Sanda Raskovic Ivic and MA Aleksandra Jerkov, as well as National Assembly Secretary General Svetislava Bulajic.
* On 5 December 2016 at the National Assembly House, National Assembly Speaker Maja Gojkovic met with the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Saber Chowdhury, who was visiting Serbia to mark the 125th anniversary the Serbian Parliament’s joining the organisation.
* National Assembly Speaker and Head of the Serbian Assembly’s standing delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union Maja Gojkovic took part in the 135th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, in Geneva, 24 - 27 October 2016. Addressing the Inter-Parliamentary Union Gojkovic said that this year Serbia celebrates 125 years of membership in the organisation and remains devoted to the high standards of representative democracy, rule of law, human rights and gender equality which are implemented in Serbia. The National Assembly delegation also comprised MPs Milorad Mijatovic, Snezana Bogosavljevic Boskovic, Mladen Grujic and Sanda Raskovic Ivic, as well as National Assembly Secretary General Svetislava Bulajic.