



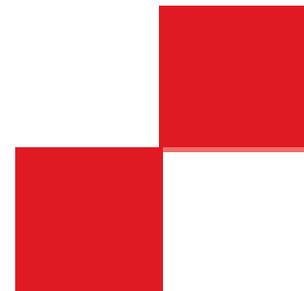
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Croatian President Ivo Josipovic attended in New York the opening of the UN General Assembly's 65th Session and the UN summit on the Millennium Development Goals. He also attended a dinner for foreign statesmen attending the session and on that occasion met with US President Barack Obama. Prime Minister Jadranka Kosor addressed the 65th session of the UN General Assembly.

65th Session of the UN General Assembly

In his speech President Ivo Josipovic said that Croatia is committed to the full implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and has invested considerable efforts and funds in their achievement in the last decade. He also said that the MDGs should serve as the pillars for a global development partnership in the 21st century. "Solidarity must become the pivotal rule of our behavior at all levels", said President Josipovic. Croatia has so far prepared two reports on the implementation of the MDGs, and this year it has reviewed all what it has done so far in this field. President Josipovic said that despite difficulties, progress has been made and that Croatia is undertaking efforts to advance MDGs at the national level, although there are difficulties in ensuring domestic and foreign sources of invest-

ments in educational, health-care, environmental and employment projects.

Prime Minister Jadranka Kosor in addressing the 65th session of the UN Gen-



eral Assembly said that Croatia supports the strengthening of the UN's structure and Security Council reform, and welcomed the establishment of a UN body for the strengthening of the position of women.

Speaking of global threats, from terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction to humanitarian crises and climate change, PM Kosor said they called for coordinated action, joint responsibility and new solidarity from all. She said that Croatia condemns terrorism in the strongest terms and is fully committed to suppressing that threat at the national, regional and global levels, adding that during its membership of the UN Security Council in 2008-2009 Croatia chaired the Council's Counter-Terrorism Committee. In her speech, PM Kosor also emphasized that Croatia has sent peace-keeping troops as well as police and military experts to 14 international missions led by the UN, NATO and EU and wished to further contribute ■



Croatian top officials in New York

On behalf of the entire Embassy team, I would like to welcome you to the 7th issue of our monthly newsletter. In this number we bring you news from the 65th Session of the UN General Assembly in New York, attended by Croatian President Ivo Josipovic and Prime Minister Jadranka Kosor. Also, you can find out about investment projects proposed by the Croatian government and about my recent trip to Alaska. Enjoy reading! ■

Ambassador Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic

Croatian President Ivo Josipovic in New York



Source: FAH

During his visit to New York, President Josipovic held talks with former U.S. President Bill Clinton about the situation in Southeastern Europe. Former President Clinton views Croatia as a country that can considerably contribute to the enhancement of increasingly good relations among countries in the southeast of Europe. He also expressed readiness to bring U.S. investors to Croatia who are particularly interested in tourism. President Josipovic also attended the annual gathering of the Clinton Global Initiative which raises 2,5 billion USD for alleviating poverty in developing countries.

President Josipovic also met UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in New York. "The meeting with the Secretary-General was yet another confirmation that even relatively small countries like Croatia can have a good reputation in the World Organization and can make a significant contribution".

President Josipovic delivered a lecture at Columbia University as a part of the World Leaders Forum. The lecture, entitled "Transitional Justice: Croatian and International Response to War Crimes", focused on the roles of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in the Hague and the Croatian judiciary in determining responsibility for war crimes committed during Croatia's 1991-1995 Homeland War.

President Josipovic also met with Finnish President Tarja Hallonen, with whom he discussed the completion of Croatia's European Union membership negotiations and the situation in Southeast Europe. President Josipovic said that the Finnish President was particularly interested in Croatia's fulfillment of the EU membership criteria and that she pointed out that Croatia is on the right track, but there are still things that need to be improved.

President Josipovic met with Croatian emigrants to discuss strengthening their ties with their parent country and investment possibilities in Croatia. He underlined the importance of maintaining strong ties between the diaspora and Croatia, preserving the Croatian national identity abroad and fostering knowledge of the Croatian language. He invited Croatian Americans to invest in the country of their ancestors, saying that Croatia did not need assistance, but foreign and domestic investments.

Croatian Righteous Among Nations



Source: Morris P. Kagan

On September 27 President Ivo Josipovic opened an exhibition "Croatian Righteous Among Nations" in LA. The exhibit tells the story of the brave citizens of Croatia who resisted fascist oppression under the Nazi-run Ustasha regime, risking their lives to save Jews from persecution. The Righteous Among Nations title is given by the Yad Vashem Museum in Jerusalem on behalf of the State of Israel and the Jewish people to non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust. President Josipovic stressed that Croatia was proud of its anti-fascist heritage. Douglas Davidson, Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues and Hannah Rosenthal, Special Envoy to Combat and Monitor Anti-Semitism from the Department of State, along with several members of the US Congress, Senators Shaheen and Begich, and Congressmen Berman and Radanovich, were honorary co-patrons of the exhibition.

Croatian Prime Minister Jadranka Kosor in New York



Source: Ben Hider/NYSE Euronext

During her stay in New York Prime Minister Jadranka Kosor visited the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) where she rang the Opening Bell to signify the day's start of trading and met NYSE President Duncan Niederauer.

Expressing satisfaction with her visit to the NYSE, PM Kosor said she hoped that the stock market would have a successful week. PM Kosor said that she provided Niederauer with information about the Zagreb Stock Exchange and her government's measures for economic recovery. Also they discussed tourism, as a respectable and promising branch of the national

economy, and the development of small and medium businesses.

PM Kosor met with representatives of 500 largest American companies interested in investing in Croatia, particularly in its tourist industry.

Moreover, PM Kosor presented investment opportunities in Croatia, focusing on 30 major investment projects and the measures her government was taking to overcome the economic crisis. The meeting was organized by the Committee for Economic Development and was held at the New York Times headquarters.

Lastly, PM Kosor met with a group of business people of Croatian origin interested in investing in Croatia. "My impressions from both meetings are excellent. American business people asked me very concrete questions. I presented our economic recovery program and the 30 major investments we have launched", PM Kosor said.

Croatian governments presented 30 investment projects

The Croatian government on September 23 presented a proposal for the implementation of 30 public sector investment projects, in the amount of EUR 13.85 billion.

The projects should be carried out by public companies and local authorities in the areas of energy, tourism, water management and the transport infrastructure.

The energy sector includes 18 projects worth EUR 3.85 billion. Some of those projects include the construction of a EUR 800 million new bloc of the coal fired power station near Plomin, an oil terminal in Kastel Sucurac near Split, and a future storage facility for natural gas near Grubisno Polje in eastern Croatia.

Three projects in the transport infrastructure sector worth EUR 4.27 billion, were highlighted. The project of the Rijeka-Karlovac-Zagreb-Koprivnica-Botovo railway is estimated at EUR 3.65 billion. The construction of the bridge connecting



the mainland and the southern Croatian peninsula of Peljesac off Bosnia-Herzegovina's coastal stretch is also envisaged, with EUR 320 million set aside for this purpose. The list of approved projects includes the construction of a new EUR 302 million passenger terminal at the Zagreb airport.

Tourism has five projects in the amount of EUR 1.4 billion. The biggest one is Brijuni Riviera worth EUR 895 million.

Regarding the water management sector, there are four projects worth EUR 4.3 billion. Thus, EUR 1.9 billion will be necessary to construct a sewerage and waste water purification system, while the multi-purpose Danube-Sava canal is estimated at EUR 950 million.

Ambassador Kolinda Grabar - Kitarovic visits Alaska

Ambassador Kolinda Grabar - Kitarovic visited Alaska from August 25 until August 29, as a guest of US senator Mark Begich. During her visit the Ambassador held a lecture at the University of Alaska, held a meeting with the provost and professors and also with Senator Begich participated in round table discussions at the University about international relations and climate changes.

About possibilities for development of tourism in Alaska and Croatia, and bringing together Alaska and Croatia Ambassador Grabar - Kitarovic held discussions with the President of the Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau Julie Saupa and other representatives of



Alaska's tourist board.

Ambassador Grabar - Kitarovic also held talks at the Alaska World Affairs Council/World Trade Center Alaska about "World Commerce: Reports from the Senate Commerce Committee and Croatia's Place in the World". Together with Senator Begich she met with representatives of the Croatian community and participated as Senator Begich's guest at the convention of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations and exchanged a few words with the President of that organization Richard Trumpka.



After the summer break, the Croatian Hour continued on September 23 with the showing of a documentary "The American Dreams in Six Stories" by Branka Slavica, Croatian National Television Washington office correspondent. After showing the documentary, Branka Slavica answered some questions from the audience.

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