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Kori Udovicki joins UNDP as Director of Bureau for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States

UNITED NATIONS, 1 February 2007—Today, Kori Udovicki assumes her responsibilities as an Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant Administrator of UNDP and Director of the Regional Bureau for Europe and Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

“Kori Udovicki is bringing to UNDP an impressive blend of work experience from the non-governmental sector, government institutions, and from the International Monetary Fund,” said Kemal Derviş, UNDP Administrator.

Udovicki has held several senior management positions in the Government of the Republic of Serbia. From July 2003 to March 2004 she served as Governor of the National Bank of Serbia. Before that, from June 2002 to July 2003, she was the country’s Minister of Energy and Mines. Prior to those appointments, from 2001, Udovicki worked as a Special Adviser to the Minister of Finance and Economy.

Udovicki also has strong international experience, including work as an International Monetary Fund economist focusing on the former Yugoslavia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Zimbabwe and Mozambique.

“I cherish the challenge of joining the United Nations system at a time when the organization is working to re-craft and realign itself to a new and evolving global order,” said Udovicki of her appointment. “UNDP in Europe and the CIS is well positioned to help the less advanced countries learn from the complex experiences of the ones more advanced in the transition process. Our aim is to put the lessons we learn in the region to use in enhancing the world's capacity to accelerate development.”

Most recently, Udovicki has been serving as President of the Center for Advanced Economic Studies, a Belgrade-based non-governmental organization working to advance economic knowledge in Southeast Europe.

Udovicki holds a Ph.D. and a M.Phil. in Economics, both from Yale University. In her new position, she succeeds Kalman Mizsei, who served as the Regional Director of the Regional Bureau for Europe and CIS between 2001 and 2006.

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