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The Board of the Serbian Council of Great Britain ("SCGB") successfully organised an election of two representatives of the Serbian diaspora in the UK who will take part in the inaugural Diaspora Assembly in Belgrade 3-5 July 2010. The Diaspora Assembly will consist of 45 delegates of the Serbian diaspora worldwide, whereby the number of delegates from individual countries is proportional to the relative size of our diaspora in those countries.

During the "Serbian week in the UK" the guest of honour at our Annual General Meeting was Mr Srdjan Sreckovic, Minister for Diaspora in the Serbian Government, who informed us that the Diaspora Assembly would be constituted by early July and that the legally binding timeline for the election of the representatives was mid-May.

In order to avoid losing the right to send the two UK community's representatives on time, the Board of SCGB took on the responsibility to initiate and coordinate the election process. As the significant time constraint disabled the possibility of including all the individuals and all the organisations of the Serbian diaspora in the UK, the Board invited representatives of the largest and most active organisations of the UK diaspora to a Roundtable discussions at St. Sava Church in London on Saturday, April 10th, with an aim to openly discuss the importance of the Diaspora Assembly representation and to agree on the election process. We managed to congregate the leading representatives from the following organisations and Church parishes from around the UK for the first time:

- Serbian Council of Great Britain
- Serbian Society
- Serbian City Club
- Cetnik Society
- Britic
- British-Serbian alliance
- Julian Society
- SPC Parishes (Bradford, Halifax, Leicester, Derby, Stoke-on-Trent).

Based on our open discussions, we jointly agreed with the other organisations and parishes to form an Election Committee from those present and to set a mechanism in place for putting forward and electing candidates. As per the agreed schedule, the Election Committee received and counted the votes and concluded that Mirjana Lazic (Serbian Society) and Milos Stefanovic (SCGB) received the most votes. As such, they will be our representatives in the inaugural Diaspora Assembly in Belgrade.

We extend our warmest congratulations to Mirjana and Milos!