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MEDENICA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING PUBLIC TRUST IN THE PROSECUTION

Yesterday at 14:15 sharp Centre for Civic Education (CCE) handed in a request to the Commission for investigation of conflict of interest to examine the case of Vesna Medenica, accompanied by an original issue of “Index” magazine. We expect the president of the Commission to dedicate full attention to this request and to supply an adequate response to the applicant, accompanied by relevant documentation.

CCE expects to see clarification of the circumstances under which Ms Medenica received the gift, and whether the gift was presented on the occasion of a private or official visit. We suspect that the High Prosecutor did not make acquaintance with the Russian prosecutor on her skiing trips, but in the function of a high official of the Montenegrin judiciary system.

In case the present (a watch) is of a value higher than 50 euros, we expect it to immediately “move” from the shelves of Medenica’s family house into her cabinet or some state treasury, according to the Law.

We emphasise that the Law clearly stipulates that “the Commission establishes the value of a gift according to its market value on the day the gift was accepted”. Therefore, the opinion of the High Prosecutor on the value of the gift is irrelevant, as it should be established by the Commission!

CCE believes that our actions are contributing to build trust in the institutions of the system and that clarification of this situation can only help to remove any potential grounds for doubt as to whether the prosecution is capable of doing its job responsibly and professionally, as its own role is anything but negligible in terms of implementing the law on the conflict of interests. We are thus convinced that responsible conduct on the part of Ms Medenica can only have positive consequences for the entire process.