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THE CHURCH RESPECTS HUMAN RIGHTS

Centre for Civic Education (CCE) welcomes the position of the Montenegrincoastal Metropolitan of the Serbian Orthodox Church, which provides equal opportunities to transgender persons who are believers.

Such opinion, which has been expressed by the church official Velibor Džomić, Montenegrin-coastal Metropolitan of the Serbian Orthodox Church is taking into account the modern concept of the protection of human rights. Bearing in mind the trust that the church enjoys in the public this is a significant contribution to the affirmation of culture of human rights.

Positioning of the Montenegrin-coastal Metropolitan of the Serbian Orthodox Church, to the appreciation of diversity of transgender person is a great contribution to the total positive recognition of Montenegro in the world concerning this issue.

CCE as an organization dedicated to protection and promotion of human rights expresses full respect and support to Marko Bojanić, who is the first publicly declared transgender person in Montenegro.

In addition to this, CCE praises the efforts which were made by Aleksandar Sasa Zeković, a researcher of human rights violation and Tanja Pavićević, a journalist of the daily newspaper "Vijesti" opening this, up to now, unknown topic within Montenegrin society and thus helping the transgender persons who still have to face with a lot of misunderstanding from the institutions and their environment.

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