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RTCG CONFIRMS ITS AND EUROPEAN IDENTITY OF MONTENEGRO

Centre for Civic Education (CCE) and LGBT Forum Progres assess that Radio Television of Montenegro (RTCG) by providing a strong support for presentation and broadcast of LGBT video "We are part of the team" confirms its programme and editorial independence and commitment to the European identity of Montenegro to which citizens it serves as national public broadcasting service.

CCE and LGBT Forum Progress welcome approach of the RTCG management and editorial staff noting that through intensive broadcasting of this video, more than ever before, contributes combating negative attitudes and deep-rooted prejudice and hatred against LGBT people.

In the next two months, public broadcasting service will broadcast free of charge the first transparent television clip that promotes the acceptance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people.

In the current political and social context, characterized with highly expressed homophobia, violence against LGBT people and public resistance to the protection of human rights of LGBT people **RTCG confirms stronger than ever before its legal and programme function, acceptance and advancement of democratic values, respect for human rights and freedoms, development of human rights culture society, the overall tolerance and social cohesion.**

We remind that RTCG and LGBT Forum Progress, first public LGBT group in Montenegro, at the International Day for Tolerance, concluded Protocol of understanding and cooperation, which is in line with the spirit of further development of the national public broadcaster, its programme independence and improved capacity in terms of representing and protecting the rights of and the position of LGBT people.

Keeping in mind concluded Protocol and the attention of the editorial board given to the broadcasting of video "We are part of the team" RTCG not only contributes to its image and positive recognition in regional, and in wider context it confirms its and the European identity of state of Montenegro.

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