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In line with the Law on media, Article 26 we ask you to publish CGO's reaction to the statement of SDP:

Are Council of Europe, OSCE and EU „illegal party structures of MfC" as well?

After disputes with NGO sector, Ranko Krivokapic decided to argue with OSCE, Council of Europe and EU who all agree with standpoints of non-governmental organisations. In that adverse practice of fighting with the world (domestic and international) Goran Matic would be of better use than Mirko Stanic.

Claims of Krivokapic's spokespersons that CGO is an "illegal party structure of MfC" reaffirms the fact that diminutive interest group surrounding Krivokapic and Krivokapic himself have long since lost a culture of dialogue, and have started marking all opponents as party's enemies. Numerous officials and members of SDP continuously participate in programmes conducted by CGO. It is a shame that Krivokapic wasn't among them, since it would definitely make him see the nature and quality of our work in a completely different light.

Using the logic of representative of SDP, one can deduce that OSCE, Council of Europe and EU are "illegal party structures of MfC“.

CGO is not run by any political party, but by a vision of Montenegro as democratic society of responsible citizens. In that society, everybody, therein including the Speaker of the Parliament, would be held accountable for their behaviour and breach of the Law. Unfortunately, Montenegro still fails to be a society of equal opportunities or developed democracy, and this society still finds the fault in those who are not a part of ruling coalition or who constructively and with arguments criticize this coalition.

CGO still claims that Speaker of the Parliament fights with both civil sector in Montenegro and international community. This can be affirmed by numerous NGOs which react to his flagrant breach of the Law, and not only by CGO, as well as by reports and resolutions of key international organisations and their institutions, and primarily OSCE, Council of Europe and EU. SDP cannot deny this by the attempt to use faulty logic, and in this case it reacted unprovoked since CGO wasn't addressing SDP in its previous press release but Speaker of the Parliament, if these two subjects can be uncoupled any longer.



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Long time ago Krivokapic presented himself as a father of NGO sector, however without referent DNA analysis. The facts say that after resuming the function of the Speaker of the Parliament Krivokapic really became much more active in the life of NGO sector than ever before. He put in practice division of NGOs into eligible and ineligible, political and non-political, which is inconceivable in a democratic society, and he has shown more agility in obstructing genuine initiatives of NGO sector, than in implementation of social democratic politics in Montenegro.

How much Krivokapic did in "protection of interests of autonomous societal spheres" is best illustrated by the fact that Constitutional board, under his lead, has revoked the right to civil initiative which guaranteed autonomy to NGO sector and forced it to present all initiatives to the Parliament through political parties.

Krivokapic and his team did not react to numerous appeals from NGO sector regarding the appointment of other members for the Council of RTCG and ARD, which were proposed by the same number of NGOs, which clearly demonstrates Krivokapic's subjectivity, insularity and irresponsible behaviour.

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