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FACTS CAN'T BE HIDDEN

Centre for Civic Education (CCE) is committed for Montenegro as a state based on democratic principles in which one of the main characteristics of its civil society will be multi-ethnicity and multiculturalism. The prerequisite for the creation of such a society is also scientific treatment of historical facts, unconditioned of how good or bad these were, since such an approach is essential for constructive facing with the past.

Accordingly, we believe that the events that follow the (none) approval of textbook for IV grade of the gymnasium, precisely questioning of the part that deals with the dissolution of Yugoslavia and the role of Montenegro in this period, represent violation of democratic right on education and the expression of clear political censorship, which is unacceptable in the creation of curricula and materials.

Multiple proven facts must not be excluded from the educational process, regardless how these can bother certain social groups. Their neglect deprives the possibility for pupils to adequately review the recent history of their country and thus make their own judgments about the actions of the Montenegrin government and society of that period.

On this occasion, we remind on one attitude that was heard at the session of the Council for General Education. Namely, the European association of history teachers (EUROCLIO) recommends that the curricula in the subject of history focus greater attention on the study of modern history, especially in conflict areas, for more complete and objective familiarization with this period, which will result in efficient and faster process of reconciliation.

We express our support to the authors of this textbook and their goal to put the truth in front of one's personal interests and particular ideologies and thus contribute to Montenegro's facing with negative aspects of its past. We believe that this is the best contribution to the regional efforts in creating a common picture of the recent past and the democratization of Montenegrin society.

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