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Centre for Civic Education (CCE) welcomes the initiation of a public debate on the true extent of the public administration and local self-government reform.

In this context, CCE would like to inform the public that the ruling party paraphernalia and the portrait of its leader can be found in the following institutions:

- 1. Entrance of the Foreign Affairs Ministry of the Republic of Montenegro
- 2. Entrance of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Montenegro
- 3. Entrance of the Secretariat for European Integrations
- 4. Notary office of Podgorica City Hall
- 5. Antechamber of the Director of the National Security Agency.

CCE reminds the president of the Government and the mayor of Podgorica that these occurrences represent outright breaches of the Public Administration Law, Law on Public Servants and Employees and the Law on Local Self-Governments.

CCE encourages the Human Resources Agency of the Government of Montenegro to pay more attention to educating the public servants in the principles of professionalism, independence, political neutrality and restraint on expressing their political partisanship in any manner.

CCE demands an immediate reaction on the part of the President of the Government and other responsible organs, and it urges the citizens to continue drawing the public attention to all elements suggesting that the public administration in Montenegro has not been de-politicised or professionalised and that the line between the ruling party and public administration is virtually non-existent.

For years now, international organisations have been warning that public administration in Montenegro suffers from strong political influences.

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