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KRIVOKAPIC TO CEASE THE FIRE

CCE is shocked by the incessant insults and slanders that have been heaped upon this organisation by Ranko Krivokapic and the interest group surrounding him. We believe that such behaviour is a grave threat to the environment in which the Montenegrin civil sector operates.

Accusing NGOs of being under-cover opposition party is hardly original: it was extensively used by Milosevic, and nowadays by Lukasenko. Evidently, these two leaders who have led their countries to the brink of disaster have been a powerful inspiration to Krivokapic and his associates.

CCE repeats: President of the Parliament of Montenegro is fighting with the civil sector, and once the arguments of this sector have received support by the Council of Europe, OSCE, EU, he is taking on these institutions as well. Krivokapic has thus become a massive obstacle to democratisation in Montenegro and to its European integration.

No amount of insults on account of our organisations or its various members can erase the above fact. They are, however, a glaring proof of the “faltering forces” of SDP.

SDP uses slander to evade a simple answer to a simple question: Why is Parliament violating the law and eradicating public service?

Joint communication of a group of NGOs, which one of Krivokapic’s associates has cited as the crown piece of evidence for “CCE’s fraud” is a communication signed by 82 organisations, among which CCE is only one of the signatories. These organisations never withdrew their support for this communication, and further pressures by Krivokapic’s associates cannot change the truth about his damaging influence on Montenegro.

The story is ripe for a libel case, but CCE prefers not to burden the already limited resources of the Montenegrin judiciary in order to disclose something which is immediately clear to every informed and intelligent person.

Krivokapic is trying to introduce unanimity by fiat, and to punish every dissenting opinion by all available means.

Krivokapic’s sporadic reactions to the nominations for membership in the Councils of RTCG and ARD demonstrate that the problem does not lie with the number of NGOs pledging support for any single candidate. The only relevant criterion is political affiliation. When 501 NGOs from the field of human rights voted for one member of the ARD Council, Krivokapic **did not once comment** on the fact that Montenegro has that many organisations in this single area. He is, however, bothered by every number of organisations coming from much wider areas of activity who happen to propose an “unsuitable” candidate.

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