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VELJOVIC SHOULD EXPLAIN WHY MURATBASIC IS NOT POLICE OFFICER ANYMORE

Centre for Development of Non-Governmental Organizations (CDNGO) and Centre for Civic Education (CCE) assess that the decision of firing officer Suad Muratbašić from police in such a manner that he will be denied the new contract represents a deem deceit way of punishing freedom of speech.

Instead of support from the State to reveal full truth about responsibility and unlawful actions in police work, the State stigmatizes, condemns and deprives Muratbasic of his basic human rights.

The State that will tomorrow become a full member of the Council of Europe sends unacceptable message to all police officers and civil servants to keep quiet or otherwise they will loose their jobs and will be exposed to various pressures.

We urge Ombudsman Sefko Crnovsanin to overtake the initiative and to analyse this case and share his results with public.

We urge the Director of the Police Directorate Veselin Vujovic to publicly explain what were criteria that he was driven in decision not to prolong Muratbasic's contract unlike the other police officers whose contracts were prolonged.

We are calling President and members of the Committee for Human Rights and Freedoms of the Parliament of Montenegro to organise special session for hearing of Muratbasic and to bring recommendations for this case after the discussion.

We expect that the Council for the Civic Control of the Police Work, in line with the Law and its good practice will contribute to full protection of human rights and basic freedoms of Muratbasic as a police officer.

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