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VOICE OF THE STUDENTS MUSTN'T BE IGNORED

Center for Development of Non-Governmental organizations (CRNVO) and Centre for Civic Education (CCE) express support for the student protests at the Faculty of Philosophy in Niksic.

We consider that the demands of students are justified, and that the electoral process for the Student Parliament should take place in a more transparent manner. Representation of the interests and rights of the students is very responsible and demanding job. Therefore, these positions need to take students who are able to get maximum support from their colleagues in an open and democratic atmosphere. The situation in Niksic indicates that a large number of students is dissatisfied with their representatives, so they are ready to boycott classes. **Therefore, it is necessary urgently to investigate process of electing representatives in the Student Parliament in details, and if the irregularities are proved to repeat it.**

Also, **the request of students for publication of financial reports by the Faculty is completely legitimate.** In a healthy and democratic society, transparency of such reports should be practice, but not consequence of student protests.

After the high school pupils from Cetinje, Niksic's students return the hope that in Montenegrin society there are still young, self-aware and responsible citizens who are fighting for their rights and pointing out on different irregularities contributing to the overall democratization of society.

We hope that the students in Niksic will persist in their demands and prove that students' word in Montenegrin society becomes more important and has value that it deserves. This, as much as their knowledge, may affect to the return of the institute of responsibility of decision-makers, but also the system by which the clear criteria and knowledge will be terms of progress rather than the suitability of any kind, or party, kinship and other ties.

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