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## **THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION AND ORGANIZED CRIMINAL REQUIRES MORE THAN POLITICAL RECOGNITION OF THE EXISTING PROBLEM**

**Centre for Civic Education (CCE) believes that development and adoption of strategic documents, as well as building of institutions to combat corruption and organized criminal is a necessary basis for the concrete and measurable results in this respect.**

It is indisputable that nowadays we have a whole range of strategies, action plans and institutions that we call anti-corruption, as it is undisputed that the results of the fight against corruption and organized criminal are unacceptably poor. **This raises the question of the quality of existing documents and appropriateness of certain anti-corruption bodies.**

Capacity building of institutions, alongside with strategic planning and reporting should already produce remarkable results visible in completed and also initiated processes that permeate, admonish and discipline the whole system, especially the part related to political power. But, there is impression that the fight against corruption and organized criminal in Montenegro today is dealing with the consequences, without revealing of phenomenology and causes. In short: instead of dealing with the system, legislated corruption and activities leading to the healing of society, decision-makers resort to mere rhetoric, inappropriate statistics and resigned public populism.

**In the direction of the establishment of visible results, CCE urges the Government of Montenegro to reconsider Decision on the establishment of the National Commission for the implementation of the Strategy for the fight against corruption and organized criminal. We must consider the fact that the Commission does not produce the required results, and at the same time by its composition, powers and founder substantially undermines the system of separation of powers which is an essential precondition for the system and the real fight against corruption and organized criminal. Only respect of the separation of powers can guarantee the rule of law.**

The Commission appointed in this manner enables full control of one branch of authority, in this case the executive, in relation to the other branches of authority and, therefore, it is not surprising that we are still quite far from the essential concept of the rule of law. If we add the fact that many sources of corruption are by the rule related to the executive power it is more than worrying insisting on a concept that does not allow the development of control mechanisms of the Parliament of



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Montenegro and prevents the formation of a highly specialized independent institution that would essentially deal with fight against corruption.

By forming of the National Commission on the highest political level, it is recognized that the issue of corruption and organized criminal is a national problem. However, there are no further improvements, because the struggle remained unacceptably controlled by the Government, under whose control in system is the Supreme State Prosecutor. The role of the Parliament of Montenegro is impermissible secondary and some reorganized commission would have to submit semi-annual reports on the character and results of the fight against corruption and organized criminal to the Parliament of Montenegro. The report would pass related committee for the fight against corruption and organized criminal, and whole process would include a larger number of NGOs, representatives of business and professional associations.

With reports on the work of the courts, police, State Audit Institution and Supreme State Prosecutor's Office the public would receive more insight picture of the state of affairs, which would result in the creation of preconditions for the systematic, efficient and specific fight against corruption and organized criminal.

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