

## Public Statement

Coalition of the below signed 35 NGOs notes that not even seven days after Mr. Aleksandar Zekovic (Human Rights researcher and member of the Council for the Civilian Control of Police in Montenegro) has reported serious threats to his life, the police did not discover the perpetrators of those criminal acts probably performed in violation of official duty.

The coalition of 35 NGOs requests from the police and the state prosecutor to urgently investigate the case and inform the public of the results of investigation, bearing in mind that the threats, i.e. the voices of perpetrators have been recorded on tape.

Only by efficient discovery of perpetrators the police and the state prosecutor will show that they function in accordance with the law to the end of protecting the security of citizens and human rights in line with international standards, as provided by the Criminal Procedure Code, the Police Act and the Constitution of the Republic of Montenegro.

1. Human Rights Action, Podgorica
2. Shelter for women and children victims of violence, Podgorica
3. Centre for Civic Education, Podgorica
4. Centre for development of non-governmental organisations, Podgorica
5. European movement in Montenegro, Podgorica
6. CEMI, Podgorica
7. EXPEDITIO, Kotor
8. Manus feminae, Podgorica
9. Youth Initiative for Human Rights, Podgorica
10. Association to the aid of persons with hadicap, Nikšić
11. ANIMA, Kotor
12. Fondation for Roma scholarship, Podgorica
13. JEF Montenegro, Podgorica
14. Bonum, Pljevlja
15. ELSA, Podgorica
16. OKC Juventas, Podgorica
17. Centre for civic initiatives, Kolašin
18. MOST, Žabljak
19. NVO club Civic House, Cetinje
20. Montenegrin Women Lobby, Podgorica
21. NGO "Begging", Nikšić
22. NGO "Hope", Herceg Novi
23. NGO Coalition „Roma circle“, Podgorica
24. Association of the blind of Montenegro, Podgorica
25. Montenegrin Committee of Jurists for Human Rights, Rožaje
26. Association Herceg-Novi alternative, Herceg-Novi
27. Stella Female Group, Cetinje
28. Bona Fides, Bar
29. SOS telephone for children and women victims of violence, Podgorica
30. New Horizons, Ulcinj
31. Association of the youth with handicap, Podgorica
32. Unitas, Tuzi
33. Independent Union of Albanian students in Montenegro, Podgorica
34. Montenegrin Association of Students of Political Sciences, Podgorica
35. Nansen Dialogue Centre of Montenegro, Podgorica