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## **AS THE FOUNDER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE THE PARLIAMENT OF MONTENEGRO SHOULD UNDERTAKE RESPONSIBILITY**

**Centre for Civic Education (CCE) has initiated, through individual letters addressed to the President, Deputy President and the Heads of all Parliamentary Clubs of the Parliament of Montenegro, the adoption of a joint statement on the procedure of appointment of the members to RTCG Council and Broadcasting Agency Council (BA):**

*The Consortium of the Parliament of Montenegro believes that effective reform and genuine freedom of the media system are key segments to further democratization of Montenegro, and therefore urges all subjects and individuals to contribute to the full respect of the Law and the protection of public interest.*

*The Consortium of the Parliament of Montenegro expects all subjects participating in the process of appointment of the members of RTCG Council and BA to act responsibly and conscientiously, to accept nominations to the Councils only in those cases which are not compromised by legal obstacles or conflict of interests, and they urge political parties to stay out of these processes, refraining from favourising certain candidates.*

*The Consortium of the Parliament of Montenegro expects those persons in the Council of the public service RTCG membership is contended to do all that is necessary in order to ensure enforcement of media legislation, protect the reputation and credibility of the public service and its organs and preserve the spirit and the meaning of the media reform.*

Also, in an effort to uncover the truth on multiple irregularities accompanying the process of appointments to the RTCG Council, CCE forwarded the Parliament requests for access to the following documents:

- **The Decision for the appointment of Žarko Mirković as a member of the RTCG Council**
- **The statement by Žarko Mirković in which he accepts his candidacy for the RTCG Council**
- **The statement by Žarko Mirković on absence of all obstacles to appointment as listed in the Article 23 of the Law on PBS RTCG**



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- **Decision for the appointment of Branislav Čalić as a member of the RTCG Council**
- **The statement by Branislav Čalić in which he accepts his candidacy for the RTCG Council**
- **The statement by Branislav Čalić on absence of all obstacles to appointment as listed in the Article 23 of the Law on PBS RTCG**

CCE will inform the public on further developments of inquiry once it receives the above documents from the Parliament of Montenegro.