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## **TAX ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CITIZENS' INTERESTS**

At the Parliament session on the Law and amendments to the Law on Value Added Tax, it was suggested that the "VAT rates should be lowered from 7% to 0% on medicines, orthotic and prosthetic equipment, medical products which are surgically inserted into the organism, textbooks and educational equipment, books, monographs and serial publications, drinking water, authors' rights and services in the domains of education, literature and arts, as well as authors' rights in the area of science and artefacts, collections and antiquities".

Centre for Development of Non-Governmental Organisations (CDNGO) and Centre for Civic Education (CCE) believe that these amendments merit full attention on the part of the MPs in the Parliament of Montenegro, and urge all members of the Parliament to adopt the proposed amendments.

We are convinced that the adoption and implementation of these amendments would have positive effects in the area of health protection, education, and scientific development in Montenegro, especially in the light of the positive consequences for the citizens and the negligible damage for the Budget that could be easily offset through income from other tax areas.

We hope that the interests of Montenegrin citizens will be the only criterion guiding the MPs while deciding on the changes and amendments to the Law on changes of law on VAT: if so, these amendments will receive unanimous support in the Parliament of Montenegro.

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