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CONDITIONS FOR URGENT REPLACEMENT OF MUJOVIĆ FULFILLED

Centre for Civic Education (CCE) calls the Dean of the Law Faculty of the University of Montenegro, Ranko Mujović, to urgently respond to the initiative for his dismissal, which has been sent to him by a group of professors of that Faculty on 29 December, 2010, and to which there was no response until today.

The same request was forwarded to the Rector and the Managing Board of the University of Montenegro, as well as to the authorities in charge of acting upon the initiative in case that the Dean does not submit a response within 15 days deadline, or if he does not convene a session in order to discuss the initiative, as well as his non-confidence, within 30 days from the date of its submission.

In an attempt to prevent Dean Mujović to keep his function until the end of the term, due to numerous problems he had caused of which many are within the criminal responsibility framework, professors of this Faculty had submitted the Initiative, using all available means in resisting the illegalities marking the Law Faculty over the past year and a half.

CCE reminds that the Managing Board of the University of Montenegro reached a Decision on announcing the elections for the Dean at the Law Faculty, pursuant to the Article 3 of the Rules of procedure and terms of elections, the procedure of termination of the function and dismissal of the Rector of the University of Montenegro, which is analogously applied for dismissal of the Dean of the University units. Therefore, regular procedure for the election of the Dean would in this case mean that Mujović would hold this position until May 2011 when his term of office expires or in practise until the official handover of the function that would occur at the end of August 2011. **This solution is unacceptable, given the months of intolerant, illegal and for an academic institution extremely humiliating developments that have been led by Mujović himself, and that are endangering and threatening the dignity of professors and students, as well as the overall quality of teaching.** Instead of recognising the Law Faculty in public for expert opinions, this institution is a subject of media attention because of the constant production of ground level scandals and affairs.

Therefore, the regular process of election of a new dean is not a good solution, because it would only prolong the collapse of this important institution and that is why the initiative of the professors at the Law Faculty is so important and should be fully respected.

Additionally, CCE publicly raises the following questions, as the bodies to which they had been addressed remained silent:



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- *Are criminal charges concerning the forgery of grades against Dean Mujović dropped because he is a member of the Prosecution Council, which elects and dismisses the prosecutors?*
- *Does the Prosecution remain silent on the occasion of causing bodily injury to a student by his professor and dean, because of the same reason?*
- *Due to whose merits is the Court of Honor blocked and therefore unable to discuss the proceedings for contempt of distinguished professors of the Faculty by the dean Mujović?*
- *Who is obligated to investigate irregularities in the operating transactions of the Law Faculty, already noted by the State Audit Institution, that lead to deficit of several hundred thousand euros?*

There are many similar questions, and therefore the silence of the relevant institutions is unacceptable, because thus they become accomplices in the process of destroying the reputation and resources of the Law Faculty.

CCE calls the Governing Board of the University of Montenegro to finally take the matter into their own hands and decide upon the initiative of professors of the Faculty regarding the dismissal of the dean, as well as to mark the termination of office of the current dean of the Law Faculty by January 31, 2011, the latest. This would open the process of normalisation of the situation in this higher education institution.

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