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DECONCENTRATION OF FUNCTIONS IS THE WAY TOWARDS DEMOCRATIZATION

Centre for Civic Education (CCE) urges the Prime Minister Lukšić to resign as the President of the Council for Privatization and like that offer a concrete contribution to deconcentration of functions in order to enable the establishment of substantial control of that body.

CCE considers inappropriate that the Council for Privatization is managed by the first man of the Government, considering that the same Council is responsible to the Government.

CCE wishes to believe that the new Prime Minister is ready to introduce different practices and standards from his predecessor and to contribute to establishment of rule of law. Therefore, the Prime Minister Lukšić, through his own example, should address to changing of negative practices of accumulation of functions that are by their nature in conflict of interests.

There are many examples of this kind and they are particularly present in the case of overlapping of functions of MPs with those of the executive power. We remind that in the form of MPs you can find managers of administrations, institutes, mayors, etc. It often happens that the Parliament discusses the materials that are directly related to the accountability and responsibilities of the members who perform two public offices simultaneously, regardless of the number of wages and compensation they receive from the Budget. This practice is a serious barrier to establishment of full accountability of decision makers in one society and to decentralization of political powers as a prerequisite for democratization.

We believe that Prime Minister Lukšić can contribute through personal example and through activation of his authorisations in order to make this practice outdated and undesirable.

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