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ENSURE RESPECT FOR THE LAW

Centre for Civic Education (CCE) welcomes the involvement of international organizations in lifting the blockade over the RTCG Council.

CCE asks the President of the Parliament of Montenegro whether he will ever implement the recommendations of OSCE, Council of Europe and European Parliament, or will he continue to defy not only the will of the civil society in Montenegro, but also that of the key international organizations.

CGO upozorava da je dugodišnje urušavanje principa na kojima javni servis treba da se zasniva kulminiralo ličnim zalaganjem predsjednika Skupštine da se u Savjetu RTCG nikako ne nađu predstavnici civilnog društva za koje on nije dao svoj blagoslov. A, s obzirom da takvi predstavnici nemaju stvarnu podršku civilnog društva Savjet već godinama ne može da kompletira svoj sastav i da radi na transformaciji RTCG u istinski javni servis.

CCE warns that the long-term violation of fundamental principles of public service culminated in personal efforts on the part of the President of the Parliament to prevent membership in the RTCG Council of those civil society representatives who have not earned his personal blessing. Those that have, unfortunately, do not enjoy support of the civil society, with the result that for many years now the Council cannot assemble its members and begin the work towards transformation of RTCG into a genuine public service.

Instead, the violation of the Law that began in the Parliament of Montenegro threatens to prevent RTCG from ever becoming a true public service that would enjoy trust and represent interests of all Montenegrin citizens.

CCE believes that the ruling coalition will for once refrain from entering into a conflict with international community to protect its own narrow party interests. Also, CCE expects the President of the Parliament to suppress his personal animosities for the sake of public interest and do everything within his competences to confirm appointments of the new RTCG Council members who have earned full support of the civil society in accordance with the Law on PBS.

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