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MOVE FROM WORDS TO DEEDS

Centre for Civic Education (CCE) assess that Montenegro is facing a great challenge in the process of preparation for *answers* at the the long expected European Commission *Questionnaire*. Bearing in mind the experiences of others who have already passed through this process, it is crucially important to have actors of the political and social life included in adequate manner in order to respond to this challenge together.

That means that all of the institutions that are (in) directly linked to the process of European integration should be operational, additionally strengthened and supported, as well as open to include all those who can help with their knowledge and expertise.

In that direction, we invite the President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapić, to exercise his authorities prescribed by the Constitution and laws and thus to influence on the immediate forming of the, at this moment, one of the most important parliamentary bodies, National Council for European Integration (NCEI). Therefore we expect from Krivokapić to invite the President of the Administrative Committee to follow the procedure and to publicize public call for submitting membership candidacies. This will create the conditions for the NGOs dealing with the European integration and the implementation of the Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) to appoint genuine representatives for NCEI.

Concretely, authorized subjects should be given space and time to submit the final list of candidates and to carry out the procedure of election of their representatives in order to be, this time, represented in credible manner. This especially refers to the NGOs from the field defined by the Decision, since the previous election in that category caused numerous controversies. **Whit mentioned the contribution would be given to the reputation of NCEI and disable repetition of the situation in which members from this category would be chosen contrary to the provisions of the Decision. You are familiar with the fact that certain current members were elected only based on the will of political parties and not NGO sector as it was prescribed, and consequently that was not stimulating for a higher level of involvement of NGOs in the work of NCEI.**

We express conviction that the President of the Parliament, which often claims that he is an honest supporter and advocate of development and empowerment of the genuine civil society, will recognize the interest and importance of this initiative and will move from words to deeds, supporting our efforts to create a consensus on this issue.

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