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## PARLIAMENT TO RESPECT LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Centre for Civic Education (CCE) calls the President of the Parliament of Montenegro Ranko Krivokapić - as the chairman of the fundamental institution of the system - representative body of citizens - to respect acts that are defining his mandate and consequently to apply the Constitution and legally prescribed authority, thus to supervise the organization and work of Parliamentary working bodies.

At the 24th Parliamentary session of the regular sitting, held on 6/05/2009, upon the election of the President of the Parliament, as well as the head and members of the Administrative committee, all the conditions to constitute the other working bodies and commissions have been met, which, unfortunately, even after more than two months, failed to happen.

**We would especially point out that the National Council for European is not constituted. That is disabling this parliamentary advisory body to actively carry out the function for which it was established and to contribute to better coordination and monitoring of the implementation of the Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) and monitoring of the accession negotiations between Montenegro and EU.**

Based on the decision on formation of the NCEI, passed in the Parliament of Montenegro, the Administrative Committee is obliged to send public invitation for submission of candidacy for membership as soon as possible, given that the precise deadlines were not prescribed by this decision. That would make possible for the authorized subjects to submit the list of candidates, so that the Committee could determine the final list and process it to the Parliament, namely to the MPs for adoption.

**Constituting of the NCEI, conditions for active inclusion of this body in the process of European integration would be met and it would be able to fulfill the function for which it was established.**

It is the interest of the Montenegrin citizens that all bodies involved in the process of European integration are functional. It is not good that constituting of the NCEI depends solely from the good will of certain political factors and the possibility of their agreement about distribution of seats in the Parliament. Therefore we expect from the President of the Parliament Ranko Krivokapić invite the president of the Administrative Committee Nikčević to take action to form this body as soon as possible.

**It's not a good message when if Montenegrin Parliament as a lawmaker disrespect legal framework, since it does not strengthen already weak rule of law in Montenegro.**

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