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### **THE PROCESS IS DIFFICULT BUT NECESSARY**

**Centre for Civic Education (CCE) welcomes publicly stated standpoint of the President of the Supreme Court Vesna Medenica that everyone who stimulated war developments at the territory of former Yugoslavia should take the responsibility, this including journalists.**

It is encouraging that, despite the initial reservations of the judicial authorities, someone of the officials of this branch of the authority still voiced and supported the initiative of the civil sector. This is especially important since the support comes from the President of the Supreme Court.

**However, CCE expects that Department for Fight against organized crime, corruption, terrorism and war crimes to which CCE directed official Initiative based on Art 19 of Law on the State Prosecutor Office of Montenegro Off. Gazette 69/03 and Off. Gazette 40/08, concerning the provisions of the Law on Criminal Procedure, Law on international legal aid in criminal matters, Agreement on cooperation in prosecution of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide, process the Initiative and timely inform the public about it.**

Journalists have, through their work and influence during war developments, forgotten mandatory code of conduct and journalism standards to the great extent. Instead, they were giving media support to the politics that was promoting war, and often additionally strengthened it.

CCE shares the attitude of the President of Supreme Court that the guilt is specific and that assessment of the responsibility of the journalists won't be easy to determine. Still, it is important to start the process and identify that guilt, as any other, if it exists, as individual category.

**CCE again underlines that it is necessary for all authorities to take public stand in the process of determination of the guilt concerning this matter, which is one of the components of our process facing with the past.**

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