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THE PARLIAMENT OUGHT TO STOP BEING THE OBSTACLE TO THE TRANSFORMATION OF RTCG INTO A PUBLIC SERVICE

In accordance with the Law on Free Access to Information, Centre for Civic Education (CCE) examined the acts nominating candidates to the RTCG Council.

It was found that the following candidates submitted complete, legally required documentation:

- 1) Dr Vladimir Pavićević on behalf of the trade union organisations – 145 acts of nomination
- 2) Biljana Zeković on behalf of non-governmental organisations dealing with the protection of human rights – 214 acts of nomination
- 3) Dželal Hodžić on behalf of the non-governmental organisations dealing with sports, tourism and ecology – 57 acts of nomination
- 4) Goran Đurović on behalf of the non-governmental organisations dealing with the protection of children's rights, youth and family rights, education, health and social protection – 559 acts of nomination.

CCE reminds that the competent Parliamentary bodies failed to announce these results for a long time, despite of requests on the part of the media, thus fuelling doubts that there might be subsequent additions to the list of candidates who have not publicly declared their candidacy via the usual means of communication existing within the NGO sector.

CCE thus used the available provisions of the Law on Free Access to Information to request and receive the above information.

CCE now urges the President of the Parliament and the MPs to stop being an obstacle to the transformation of RTCG into a public service, and to use the first next session to place the issue of confirming these nominations to the RTCG Council on the agenda, as the said candidates command unambiguous support on the part of the relevant subjects.

CCE believes that the President of the Parliament and those MPs who so far failed to comply with the Law on public broadcasting services RTCG will finally change their attitude to this question and cease to create further problems for the already discredited RTCG, contributing to the general judgement of the numerous national and international organisations that RTCG never truly became a public service.