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WITHOUT TRANSPARENCY OF PUBLIC AUTHORITIES WORK, THERE WILL BE NO DEMOCRATIZATION OF SOCIETY

Centre for Civic Education (CCE) welcomes initiative of President of Parliamentary Administrative Board Radivoje Nikcevic, who announced that the mobile telephone numbers of all MPs whose bills are being paid from the Budget will be posted on Montenegrin Parliament official web site.

Interest and support for CCE project “Give an account of yourselves” by other participants in civic society is encouraging. Public is already informed about implementation of this CCE project from 14/11/2007, whose main goal is to increase transparency and responsibility of public authorities.

In that regard, CCE has filed in several occasions occasions (during November and December 2007), in line with the Law on Free Access to Information, the request to the Secretary General of the Parliament to get the information concerning mobile telephone numbers of all Montenegrin MPs and Parliamentary staff whose bills are being paid from the Budget. Unfortunately, driven by “**silent administration**” approach, Radovic failed to present this information. Much more responsible was Tax Revenue Office which replied on CCE request within legal deadline, and provided information on expenses for mobile phone bills of its employees.

Monitoring of public authorities work is of crucial importance for democratization of society, especially of societies on low level of political culture like Montenegrin one, in which decision makers have no sense of responsibility towards public and citizens whose voices ensure them their current positions. Therefore, CCE will continue monitoring of public authorities work through different activities, so that all the information easily available to public in democratic societies could be available to Montenegrin citizens as well.

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