

OPERATIONAL TEAM OF OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP

to Srđan Kusovac, coordinator

Podgorica, 19 June 2015

Dear Mr Kusovac,

Hereby we submit irrevocable resignations on the membership in the Operational Team of Open Government Partnership, in which we have been appointed based on Your decision, after the conducted public competition.

We resign Irrevocably due to numerous reasons, namely:

- *due to the fact that You, without the previous consultations with the members of Operative team, proposed the Decision to the Government on formation of Operative team of Open Government Partnership, which the Government adopted and based on which current Operational team was de facto dismissed;*
- *due to the fact that current Operational team is currently in its technical term and would function only until the election of a new team (maximum 30 days from the day when the Decision of Government was published in the Official Gazette - when new Operational team must be elected), and that as such should not make any important decisions - for instance, proposing the Government a new Action plan, because it is contrary with the principles of good management, thereby with the values of OGP initiative;*
- *due to the fact that Government, based on the adoption of this decision, jeopardised the process of the adoption of Action plan of Open Government Partnership in an unilateral manner, as well as the deadlines which Montenegro is obliged to meet based on those grounds;*
- *due to the fact that, as the members of civil society, You led us before a fait accompli, even though it was us who, completely voluntarily, provided the proposal both for the creation of new Action plan, and for every other issue which was considered during the sessions, for which we are unable to ensure that you really incorporate them in the final version of the Action Plan that will be proposed to the Government;*
- *due to the fact that that members of civil sector several times, at the beginning of work of Operational team, proposed several mechanisms to come out of possible legal confusion which was created when the members of Operational team were appointed, which was refused then by the coordinator of Operational team at that time.*

Respectfully Yours,

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