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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CENTER FOR DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION

The joint committee for monitoring the pre-election campaign held its third meeting today. Representatives of DPS, LSCG, NS, Democratic Alliance, SDP and SNS were present at the meeting, which was chaired by a representative of the National Democratic Institute. The representatives of SNP and did not participate in today's meeting.

At the previous meeting, the joint commission pointed out the danger of provocations from the presence of opposition political parties at the pre-election meetings of their competitors. We would like to note that on October 8 in the neighborhood area of Rastoci some 30 DPS supporters tried to prevent the organization of the pre-election meeting of the coalition "Together for Changes" and that the representatives of MUP prevented the undesirable consequences. CDT insists that the Municipal Board of DPS Niksic publicly appeal to its supporters and members not to disturb the pre-election activities of political opponents.

The Center for Democratic Transition states that on the basis of more than 50 reports of our monitors and monitoring the media, the campaign is being conducted in an atmosphere of partially increased tensions, which were caused by unacceptable and incorrect statements of a majority of the political parties. We will state only some of them.

- The statement of Novak Radulovic in the neighborhood of Klicevo, Niksic: "this regime impoverished, embarrassed and disgraced Montenegro, more than any occupiers ever did";
- Miomir Mugoša at the meeting in Podgorica (People's University Milun Bozovic): "the former treasurer and spokesperson of LSCG is the alpha and omega of incestuous affairs within of the Small Cabinet," and "that Peđa Bulatović is a genetically overburdened man";
- Miroslav Vickovic in Budva: "DPS are moral dwarfs";
- Dragan Šoć's announcement in Kolasin that Đukanović "will not return to the Serbian Orthodox Church while we still have a truncheon church in Cetinje."

We would like to note that representatives of SDP and coalition "Albanians together" did not use improper vocabulary in their pre-election activities.

These reports clearly show that a majority of Montenegrin politicians compete on how to insult their political opponents rather than on how to present their economic programs and find a way out of the difficult social crisis. We also point out that the Montenegrin Constitution Article 34 guarantees the freedom of belief.



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We believe that our language is very rich with words and syntax that could help them find polite, proper and cultural ways to express their political opinions. Our politicians should take as a good example the two-hour long debate of the presidential candidates in Serbia during which they did not use any offensive vocabulary. We remind the political parties that what they say about others says more about themselves.

We stated that Liberal Alliance of Montenegro violated the Code of Conduct during the pre-election campaign by preventing journalists of the daily paper Vijesti, TV IN and TV Pink to be present at their promotional gathering in Danilovgrad. CDT states that public gatherings are open for all citizens, as well as for representatives of all media. The signed document states that: “parties must not prevent journalists from performing their duties in accordance with the rules of their profession and election rules and with the aim of objectively and correctly informing citizens.”

The Center for Democratic Transition supports the efforts of the representatives of the Municipal authorities of Podgorica to prevent the placing of pre-election materials on the places that are not designated for that. We encourage the representatives of other local authorities not to permit damage to public and private properties with political party posters.

The committee evaluated that DPS violated the signed Code, which prevent the use of the resources and services of public enterprises or institutions for the benefit of any individual party. In the DPS propaganda spot, the airplane of the Montenegrin company Montenegro Airlines was used. Considering that this is a State Company, it is inadmissible to be used for party purposes.

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