

Non Governmental Organization Emancipimi Civil Ma Ndryshe EC MA NDRYSHE

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Reaction

Elected and Appointed Municipal Assembly Members in Mamushë to Renounce from the Non-Parliamentarian Language

Within the Online Transparency Monitoring Project for the Municipality of Mamushë, EC Ma Ndryshe followed the regular session of the Municipal Assembly of Mamushë.

The discussions between the ruling Municipal Assembly members and those from the opposition have been featured with non-parliamentarian language, and there were attempt for physical assaults that were avoided after the intervention of people present in the Municipal Assembly Room of Mamushë.

Considering the preceding developments to this incident, through this Reaction, EC Ma Ndryshe would like to express its concern for the communication level between the Municipal Assembly members and officials from the municipal executive branch, who in principle should be at the service of the public and respectfully behave in the highest municipal institution.

Confrontations using offensive and denigrating language by both sides will not prove beneficial to anyone, and at the same time will decrease the public confidence towards their elected and appointed representatives at the local government.

Using offensive language, personalization of issues in Municipal Assembly sessions, but also improper interventions by the executive officials lead to the violation of basic parliamentary principles.

EC Ma Ndryshe is expressing its deepest concern due to the very low communication level in Municipal Assembly sessions, and calls up to all local government actors in Mamushë to respect the institution that should be at the service of citizens and work in their interest; to display maturity in decision-making; to adhere to the principles of democracy and to behave in compliance with the laws and legal norms with mutual respect and courtesy.

EC Ma Ndryshe would like to bring to the attention once again that Municipal Assembly is the highest decision-making body in the municipality that should oversee the work of the municipal executive branch, and that the debate should always be within the framework of parliamentary language.

The EC Ma Ndryshe Project for the Monitoring of Municipal Transparency will continue to publish monitoring findings through its regular press releases and its Project website, where the monitors will directly post their findings. All monitoring findings, including regular press releases and numerous other information on the local government of Prizren, Mamushë and Prishtinë, are regularly posted on the Project website, www.online-transparency.org.

Thank you for your cooperation,

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