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RESPONSE STATEMENT

Delay in the appointment of directors – inexcusable message to the citizens

EC Ma Ndryshe is tracking with a concern the delays in the appointment process of the directors of Prizren Municipality. Although almost two months have passed from the certification of final local election results of 2013 by the CEC for the assemblies and municipal mayors, the executive body of Prizren Municipality has not yet been established. So far, the mayor of Prizren has failed to provide credible reasons for this lag, which is affecting the overall dynamics of local governance and on the work performance of the executive. To this situation has preceded the election campaign period and two rounds of mayoral elections, which is characterized with a dreadfully low dynamics of works executed by local government.

EC Ma Ndryshe deems that such dragging goes to the detriment of general public interest containing within a terrible message to the citizens. Current institutional void prevents the effective execution of local government's operations, by denying the citizens of the municipality of Prizren in receiving qualitative and timely services. By casting their votes, the citizens of Prizren have commissioned the mayor to govern with the operations of the municipality and to provide public services. Above all, the mayor is also obliged by the applicable laws of the country for this endorsement to translate into effective and democratic governance in service to the citizens.

The justification for having a consistency in governance is not a sound excuse as the citizens have entrusted the mayor with a new term of office thus he should validate the mandate of a new executive body. Meaningless delays in this regard are a proof of the institutional, legal and political irresponsibility of the mayor. Practically, since September of last year, Prizren's local government was almost completely dysfunctional. Therefore, we call on the Mayor of Prizren that in compliance with legal obligations to wait not a split of a second more for the appointment of municipal directors in order to ensure that citizens are provided with services and so the governance to operate in an orderly manner.

Thank you for your cooperation,

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