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PRESS RELEASE

The Mayor of Prizren Municipality without a Work Plan

EC Ma Ndryshe expresses its concern regarding the lack of the Work Plan from the part of the Mayor of Prizren. In our application addressed to the Mayor of Municipality to grant us access to the Annual Work Plan for 2012 and for decisions taken since the beginning of the year 2012 and the manner of publication of the decisions brought by the Mayor; we have received a reply from the municipal officials stating, "You may find the Mayor's Report and his decisions (conclusions) in the website of the Municipality of Prizren."

Initially, the first reply returned electronically does not correspond to our application since we have requested the Mayor's Work Plan and not for his reports. By the official response of Prizren Municipality may be concluded that the Mayor of the Municipality has no Annual Work Plan. This implies that Prizren is governed with no strategic planning but according to the Mayor's discretion only.

In order to enhance the quality of good governance and for having a greater transparency on the dynamics of implementation of objectives of local government, EC Ma Ndryshe requires from the Mayor of Prizren Municipality that, as soon as possible, start with the draft of his Work Plan for 2012 and its publication for the general public.

A propos the transparency of the decisions of the Mayor of Prizren Municipality, EC Ma Ndryshe considers publication of the decisions in a general way as ineffective since these decisions lack the specification of which policies had been set forth. Apart from the publication of decisions in a generalised manner, the Mayor should, without delay, authorize the directors of municipal directorates to publicize the decisions on their preliminary form in the municipal official website. By doing so, the citizens are enabled to participate in policy-making and decision-making. This practice goes in favour of transparency and accountability of the municipal executive.

EC Ma Ndryshe's project for the transparency monitoring of the executive branch shall keep on publicizing monitoring findings through regular press releases and, starting from May, through the project's website, where the findings will be posted directly from the monitors.

Thank you for your cooperation,

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