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We have the honour to address you with the intention of **informing you about certain recent developments concerning the implementation of the recommendations contained in Venice Commission Opinion No. CDL-PI(2026)007 of 24 April 2026, on judicial set of laws in Serbia, also known as “Mrđić laws”.**

Following the publication of the above-mentioned Opinion, the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Serbia, Mr. Nenad Vujić, established a **Working Group tasked with preparing amendments to several laws in the field of justice, reportedly for the purpose of harmonisation with the recommendations of the Venice Commission Opinion No. CDL-PI(2026)007 of 24 April 2026.**

However, the composition of the Working Group has raised serious concerns among a significant part of the professional organisations of civil society. While representatives of carefully selected state institutions and certain professional organisations were included, a **number of relevant and publicly active professional organisations were excluded from participation.** Among those excluded are representatives of Lawyers bar associations, “Odbrana struke”, CEPRIS, Union of Judicial Power, and other civil society actors who have been actively engaged in discussions concerning these legislative matters.

In our respectful view, such an approach risks undermining the transparency, inclusiveness, and democratic principles of the new reform process. Instead of ensuring a broad and genuine dialogue with all relevant professional organisations, the present framework appears limited to a narrow circle of preferred like-minded participants. **This may create the impression of formal consultation rather than substantive public engagement.**

We note that the Venice Commission, in Opinion No. CDL-PI(2026)007, already expressed concerns regarding the manner in which the original legislative process had been conducted, particularly in relation to **transparency, inclusiveness, and the lack of democratic consultation.** For that reason, the current developments may be perceived as a second missed opportunity to align domestic reform procedures with the standards and recommendations identified by the Commission.

We also wish to inform you that these concerns arise in parallel with **second** recent institutional developments, refusal of the High Prosecutorial Council to place on its agenda **the issue of returning prosecutors to the Special Department for Organised Crime,** and with the fact that opposition to placing this matter on the agenda was also supported by a member of the High Prosecutorial Council, who is the current Minister of Justice of the Republic of Serbia.

Our intention in writing is not confrontational, but purely informative. We consider it important that the Venice Commission, as a respected advisory body of the Council of Europe, be made aware of the practical context in which its recommendations are currently being addressed.

We remain committed to constructive dialogue, institutional reform, and the strengthening of the rule of law in the Republic of Serbia, in accordance with European democratic standards.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

President of Union of Judicial Power
Nemanja Đurić

