

Parliamentary Committee for the Constitution, Rules of Procedure and Political System

Dear/s,

As civil society organizations dealing with issues of human rights protection and democratization in the Republic of Croatia, we are contacting you in connection with the upcoming candidacy procedure and nomination of candidates for judges of the Constitutional Court.

According to the current constitutional solutions in Article 6 of the Constitutional Law, civil society organizations and academic institutions can nominate candidates, but they do not have the possibility to contribute further to the election process. In this regard, we would like to present several proposals that would enable civil society organizations and academic institutions to become more actively involved in the process of giving opinions on potential judges of the Constitutional Court and thereby encourage further democratization of the process of their selection. Therefore, we suggest that in this process the Committee for the Constitution, Rules of Procedure and Political System ensure that:

- □ interviews with candidates for Constitutional judges will be available to the public via video recordings on the website of the Committee for the Constitution, Rules of Procedure and Political System,
- □ all documents submitted by the candidates in the process of highlighting their candidacy will be publicly available via the Committee's website,
- □ representatives of interested civil society organizations are enabled to attend interviews with candidates in the Committee and to ask each candidate one question,
- □ interested civil society organizations are enabled to express their opinion on
- candidates.

Please consider our proposals and inform us within a reasonable time of your position on these proposals.

In Zagreb, February 16, 2024

With respect,

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