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Mayor Haskuka should not forget about electoral promises

Mayor of Prizren, Mytaher Haskuka in the first months of his government has failed to fulfill the promises given during the pre-election campaign in terms of decreasing the number of municipal directorates, equitable gender representation in the Executive as well as implementing radical transparency in governance.

At the beginning of his governing term, Haskuka has held the same number of directorates as in the previous mandate of the Muja government, i.e. 13 in total. In this way, Haskuka, has adapted the composition of the local government to the needs of the ruling coalition, rather than its program, respectively commitments pledged during the pre-election campaign.

At the same time, out of the 13 directors appointed by Haskuka, only 2 directorships are run by women, though in appearances during the pre-election campaign he pledged that women would account for half of the local executive. Moreover, no relevant information on these political appointees has been published to date that would be sufficient for the public to assess their credibility.

Transparency in the first months of Prizren's new governance remains problematic as the decisions of municipal bodies have not been published so far, while the chairman's meetings with his directors were held without the presence of journalists and civil society monitors.

EC Ma Ndryshe takes into account the facts that not yet 100 days have passed since the oath of Mayor Haskuka, but reminds the municipal leadership that they must engage from the first day of government for the fulfillment of electoral promises. Therefore, President Haskuka has a moral obligation to fulfill the promise given to voters to reduce the number of directorates in the Prizren Executive. While equitable gender representation in the Executive and the transparency of municipal bodies beyond the moral obligation are also legal obligations that it should apply in the shortest possible timeframe.

For these reasons, EC recommends Mayor Haskuka to:

- Urgently take steps to facilitate the presence of journalists and monitors at all meetings of the Municipal Executive;
- Increase the pressure on the MLGA for the functionalization of the official website of the Municipality of Prizren;
- Publish the decisions of all municipal bodies;

- Publish relevant information about political appointees to assess their credibility;
- Examine the modalities for reducing the number of directorates and increasing the representation of women's community in the municipal executive.

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