

Saopštenje Evropskog pokreta u Srbiji i Foruma za međunarodne odnose:

Podrška diplomatama Republike Srbije u odbrani profesionalnog integriteta i građanskih prava

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Evropski pokret u Srbiji i njegov Forum za međunarodne odnose izražavaju punu i nedvosmislenu podršku diplomatama Ministarstva spoljnih poslova koje su javno ukazale na ozbiljne nepravilnosti u organizaciji glasanja državljana Republike Srbije u inostranstvu. Njihovo istupanje predstavlja čin profesionalnog integriteta, građanske hrabrosti i odgovornosti prema državi i njenim građanima, kao i odbijanje da ćutanjem pređu preko postupaka koji ugrožavaju biračka prava i dodatno narušavaju poverenje u državne institucije.

Najoštrije osuđujemo postupanje rukovodstva Ministarstva spoljnih poslova, koje je, uprkos višestruko povećanom broju prijavljenih birača u inostranstvu, predložilo nesrazmerno mali broj biračkih mesta, bez uverljivog obrazloženja njihovog rasporeda, kao i uslove glasanja koji znatan broj građana Srbije u dijaspori primoravaju da glasaju tokom noći. Posebno je nedopustiv neprimeren i omalovažavajući odnos Ministarstva prema građanima koji zahtevaju ostvarivanje svog ustavom garantovanog biračkog prava.

Zahtevamo da Ministarstvo spoljnih poslova odmah predloži, a Republička izborna komisija bez odlaganja odobri otvaranje dodatnih biračkih mesta, u skladu sa brojem i geografskim rasporedom prijavljenih birača, uz obezbeđivanje primerenog vremena glasanja prema lokalnim vremenskim zonama. Biračko pravo ne sme ostati samo formalno garantovano, već mora biti stvarno dostupno svim građanima Republike Srbije, kako je to i zakonom predviđeno.

Istovremeno, upozoravamo da javno ukazivanje diplomata na nepravilnosti ne sme biti povod za pritiske, diskreditaciju ili bilo kakve profesionalne posledice. Svaki pokušaj njihovog zastrašivanja ili kažnjavanja predstavljao bi nedopustiv napad na profesionalni integritet i nezavisnost diplomatske službe. Diplomate služe Republici Srbiji, njenom Ustavu i građanima, a ne političkoj vlasti. Odbrana tog principa jeste odbrana države i njenih institucija.

Statement by the European Movement in Serbia and the Forum for International Relations:

Support for Diplomats of the Republic of Serbia in Defence of Professional Integrity and Citizens' Rights

Belgrade, 8 October 2026

The European Movement in Serbia and its Forum for International Relations express their full and unequivocal support for the diplomats of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

who have publicly drawn attention to serious irregularities in the organisation of voting for citizens of the Republic of Serbia abroad. Their public stance represents an act of professional integrity, civic courage and responsibility towards the state and its citizens, as well as a refusal to remain silent in the face of actions that jeopardise voting rights and further undermine trust in state institutions.

We condemn in the strongest possible terms the actions of the leadership of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which, despite the multiple increase in the number of registered voters abroad, has proposed a disproportionately small number of polling stations, without providing a convincing explanation for their distribution, as well as voting arrangements that force a significant number of Serbian citizens in the diaspora to vote during the night. Particularly unacceptable is the Ministry's inappropriate and dismissive attitude towards citizens who demand the exercise of their constitutionally guaranteed right to vote.

We demand that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs immediately propose, and that the Republic Electoral Commission approve without delay, the opening of additional polling stations, in accordance with the number and geographical distribution of registered voters, while ensuring appropriate voting hours according to local time zones. The right to vote must not remain merely formally guaranteed, but must be genuinely accessible to all citizens of the Republic of Serbia, as provided for by law.

At the same time, we warn that diplomats' public disclosure of irregularities must not serve as grounds for pressure, discrediting or any professional repercussions. Any attempt to intimidate or punish them would constitute an unacceptable attack on the professional integrity and independence of the diplomatic service. Diplomats serve the Republic of Serbia, its Constitution and its citizens, not the political authorities. Defending this principle means defending the state and its institutions.