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Open letter to the President of Montenegro, Filip Vujanović,

Esteemed President Vujanović,

I appeal in connection with your statement in Montenegrin press release (in the daily newspaper "Vijesti", on 10 March, 2008), relating to your following ascertainment:

"In those hard times (referring to the disintegration of ex Yugoslavia), Montenegro accepted several thousands of Muslims and Bosnians... Here they had their second home, they were accepted with open heart and full cordiality, and were given help to return to their homes."

Mr. President,

You are maybe unfamiliar with the fact that benefaction of the Montenegrin authority, of which you were saying, brought to death 86 people from Bosnia and Herzegovina. Mr. President, you have showed them the way to their homes so well that even after 16 years, we cannot find their skeletons.

Isn't it enough, Mr. Vujanović, that for the last 16 years, Montenegrin authority:

- did nothing to introduce the families of missing people from Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1992, about the truth of what have happened with their loved ones,
- did nothing to find and criminally charge persons, who were responsible for their disappearance,
- did not condemn officially and publicly the fact that at least 86 people were illegally treated,
- did not consider it appropriate to meet with representatives of the families after receiving numerous letters –sent requests for the meetings,
- obstruct for four years already the lawsuit proceeding that families started,
- have Montenegrin Ambassador in Sarajevo, who keeps his doors locked, while families put flowers in front of the Embassy to remembers their loved ones,
- send various procurers who are trying to persuade families to drop the charges and accept social help of our executioners?

In addition to all cited, does this mean Mr. President that you should humiliate us on and on and now in public deceive the whole public by assertions that you gave these people “hospitality, warm home and safe return to the home”?”

I am asking you to understand, for at least a moment, that each of 86 persons, whose missing is *de facto* and *de jure* proved, possesses the name, surname, parents, brothers, sisters, wives, while in the moment of their disappearance, many had underage children.

Mr. President, because of the benefaction that you are proud of, the lives of our beloved ones extinguished forever, while lives of their closest forever changed, ruined in great extent. Because of you and because of us, Mr. Vujanović, we most sincerely demand from you to treat no one and never again in such a benefaction, as you have treated our beloved.

Please, don't glorify war crimes ever again, packing them in humanitarian and humanist actions.

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