

APPEAL

FOR ALBANIAN LEGISLATORS WHO HOLD IN THEIR HANDS THE INCEPTION OF THE JUDICIARY REFORM

Tirana, January 7, 2016. The Coalition for Free and Fair Elections and for Sustainable Democracy (CFFESD) urges Albanian parliamentarians and political parties to consider the recommendations of the Venice Commission, the appeals of the international community, civil society and the expectations of Albanian citizens about the urgency of the adoption of the Law on Judiciary Reform.

Judiciary Reform constitutes an absolute priority for Albania.

As legislators you keep the fate of positive changes in Albania in many respects, but Judiciary Reform is paramount and will mark a turning point for the fate of Albanians. It is time to show responsibility and the much needed wisdom for the citizens who voted you. CFFESD urge you to use the time available in a rational way that this reform be implemented within the first months of this year.

Judiciary Reform ensures good governance and fight against corruption in a democratic system. Adopting as soon as possible the Law for the Judiciary Reform, you will give Albanians hope that corruption will be fought, that any individual or group involved in crimes will receive the deserved response and that we, Albanians have the necessary maturity that enhances the chances to join the European Union.

Ladies and gentlemen, members of the Albanian Parliament, please take into account any recommendations of the Venice Commission and the contributions of civil society to ensure the independence and impartiality of the justice system in Albania.

The Coalition for Free and Fair Elections and for Sustainable Democracy (CFFESD) is an independent, non-partisan organization established to promote civic participation for sustainable democracy and monitoring of the electoral process. CFFESD focuses on issues that influence the upholding of human rights, gender equality and the rights of people with disability. CFFESD consists of 30 partner organizations and hundreds of Albanian citizens who volunteer their time to CFFESD's efforts and actions since 2013.

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