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Kosovar Consortium of Civil Society Organizations for Sustainable Development welcomes the decision of the Steering Committee on Privatization for the removal of "Kosovo B" from the tendering package with "New Kosovo"

Consortium of Kosovo Civil Society for Sustainable Development (KOSID) welcomes the decision of the Steering Committee on Privatization of the New Kosovo, to take out the power plant "Kosovo B" from the bidding package of the power plant "New Kosovo".

Ten member organizations of the Consortium have consistently pointed out that the inclusion of "Kosovo B" in the same tender package for "New Kosovo" was in contradiction with interests of Kosovo society and laws in force, since it would create a monopoly by guaranteeing a single company over 97% of the power generation market.

The Government of Kosovo consistently rejected civil society demands which were supported by international organizations and the European Union. However, the decision for special treatment of the existing power plant plans to build a new power plant, should be just the first step in improving policies in the energy sector.

The consortium hopes that in the following days, the decision of the Steering Committee on Privatization will have the support of the Government and Parliament, by amending and supplementing the Energy Strategy 2009-2018. Assembly of Kosovo, especially the Parliamentary Committee for Economic Development, had requested the separation of "Kosovo B" from "New Kosovo", a recommendation which is not supported by the majority of members of parliament in the Assembly session of April 1, 2010.

Ten civil society organizations have consistently pursued a consistent strategy regarding energy policies in place, requiring the closure of "Kosovo A" until 2017 according to Energy Treaty; revitalization and retention in public ownership of "Kosovo B"; not building the "New Kosovo" since the need for additional energy sources, according to studies made, are easily recovered if technical and commercial losses are avoided; investments in energy efficiency which would open up ways to investments in renewable energy. Thus, as civil society organizations, we ask from institutions of Kosovo to open up public consultations for amending the Energy Strategy 2009-2018, whose revision should happen within a year.

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