



Lawyers Committee for
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Helsinki Committee for
Human Rights in Serbia

DISTRICT PUBLIC ATTORNEY IN BELGRADE
Savska 17a
B e l g r a d e

Pursuant to §§ 222, 223 and 224 of the Criminal Procedure Code, Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights and the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia file with the competent Public Prosecutor the following

C H A R G E

AGAINST:

Dobrica Ćosić, from Beograda, address to be obtained through official channels

On grounds:

Of having written in his book „The Time of Serpents – Writer's Notes 1999-2000“ („Vreme zmija - Piščevi zapisi 1999 – 2000“), published by *Službeni glasnik (Official Gazette)*, 2009, on page 211, inter alia, the following about the Albanian people:

“This social, political and moral dreg of a tribal and Barbarian Balkans, allies with America and the European Union to struggle against the most democratic, most civilized, most enlightened Balkan people – the Serb people”

And thus committed a felony as follows:

Causing ethnic, racial and religious hatred and intolerance as stipulated by §317, para. 1 of the Penal Code of the Republic of Serbia, as well as the felony of Racial and other forms of Discrimination as stipulated by §387, para. 3 of the Penal Code.

The Accusing Parties underline that the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination, ratified by Serbia ("*Službeni list SFRJ - Međunarodni ugovori*" /*Official gazette of the SFRY – International Contracts*/, No. 6/67) defines „Racial discrimination“ „any distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference based on race, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin which has the purpose or effect of nullifying or impairing the recognition, enjoyment or exercise, on an equal footing, of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural or any other field of public life.“

As organizations dealing with human rights protection, Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights and Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia demand from the District Public Attorney to *ex officio* initiate -- within the framework of authority bestowed upon him/her -- criminal procedure against Dobrica Ćosić on grounds of having committed the said felonies.

Accusing Parties:

Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights
Biljana Kovačević-Vučo, Chair

Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in
Serbia
Sonja Biserko, Chair