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Кабинет председника Владе Office of the Prime Minister

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Excellency, dear Mr. Muižnieks,

I would like to thank you for your letter and concern for human rights in the Republic of Serbia.

On the occasion of our conversation, during your visit in March, you underlined that work of independent regulatory bodies, such as Ombudsman and Commissioner for Information of Public Importance and Personal Data Protection, was precisely the area in which the Government of Serbia had done a good job and which was respected by the international community. However, I believe that one can always do more and better, and as Prime Minister of Serbia I do my best to improve the situation in the field of human rights and vulnerable groups' protection.

Your letter, in which you expressed concern for the position of Ombudsman, was written on 18 May, three days after I met Saša Janković at the Government's Building. We agreed then to have meetings on regular basis, as well as on the necessity to improve respect for the citizens' rights and legality and regularity of work of authorities. We agreed the need for better cooperation between public authorities and independent control bodies in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Serbia, and to the best interest of the citizens.

Hoping that after your next visit to Serbia you will also commend our work, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Aleksandar Vučić

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