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**Date: Sarajevo, 16.03.2012**

## **ADJUDICATION**

***of the Complaint Commission of the Press Council in Bosnia and Herzegovina***

regarding the article "[Angelina Jolie and the Nonsense of Freedom](#)" published in the daily "Oslobodjenje" on 23.02.2012

## **COMPLAINT NOT UPHELD**

The Press Code of BiH was not breached

The *Complaints Commission* of the Press Council in BiH has considered the article "[Angelina Jolie and the Nonsense of Freedom](#)", published in the daily "Oslobodjenje" on 23.02.2012, and concluded that the Press Code of BiH was not breached, because a comment is in question, an author's personal opinion.

The *Complaints Commission* concludes that Mr. Smajlovic has the right to express his critical opinion about the published comment, while the media has the right of editorial freedom not to publish that opinion.

The *Complaints Commission* of the Press Council in BiH **did not uphold** Mr. Enes Smajlovic's complaint to the article "

[Angelina Jolie and the Nonsense of Freedom](#)

" published on 23.03.2012 in the daily "Oslobodjenje", Comments section.

Mr. Enes Smajlovic turned to the editorial staff of the daily "Oslobodjenje" and to the Press Council in BiH, regarding the comment of author Boris Dezulovic. The complainant, amongst else, notes that Mr. Dezulovic writes "insolently, irresponsibly, and untruthfully, or mildly said, half-truthfully".

The *Complaints Commission* of the Press Council considered the published comment and the reaction of Mr. Smajlovic, at the session held on 16.03.2012, and concluded that the Press Code of BiH was not breached. A comment is in question, which is protected as an author's form.

*The Complaints Commission* confirms that Mr. Smajlovic, as a citizen, has the full right to express his critical opinion about the published comment, but reminds that the media always holds the right of editorial freedom not to publish that opinion, protecting the author's right to freedom of speech.

**Members of the *Complaints Commission*:** Chairperson, Ph.D. Prof. Miodrag Zivanovic; Judge Nada Arsenic, Attorney Drazen Zubak; Ph.D. Enes Osmancevic; Journalist Fuad Kovacevic; Ph.D Prof. Nada Ler-Sofronic; Journalist Faruk Boric and Journalist Milan Sutalo.

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