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Dear representatives of the international community,

According to preliminary results announced by the Republic Electoral Commission, the Student List has won an absolute majority in Serbia's parliamentary elections. Vučić himself publicly acknowledged the defeat of his Serbian Progressive Party on Sunday, 25 October 2026.

The immediate priority must now be to safeguard the electoral outcome and ensure a peaceful, constitutional transfer of power that fully respects the democratic will of Serbia's citizens. However, recent incidents have raised serious concerns about deliberate provocations aimed at discrediting the student movement and the risk that further staged incidents could be used to manufacture instability, undermine the electoral outcome and provide a pretext for political retaliation or coercive measures.

On 26 October, a group of people forced their way into Informer TV, a prominent pro-government broadcaster, in an incident broadcast live, leading to clashes with police. Incidents were also reported outside Pink TV, some of which the press has alleged were orchestrated.[1] The student movement has explicitly condemned the violence and rejected attacks on media and institutions.[2]

Following these incidents, Vučić warned publicly on 27 October that his supporters may be forced to "self-organise" if state institutions fail to act.[3] These statements are particularly concerning given the documented history of intimidation and violence against students, peaceful protesters and political opponents, including attacks attributed to supporters of the ruling party.

Today, 28 October, representatives of the student movement issued a further warning that they have reason to believe new incidents may be staged in Belgrade tonight, including another intrusion into Informer TV, with responsibility potentially being falsely attributed to students. The movement has publicly distanced itself from any such actions and urged citizens not to participate.[4]

We therefore urge European institutions and representatives of the international community to take the students' warning seriously, closely monitor developments in the coming hours, and communicate their concerns directly to the Serbian authorities to help prevent further provocations and escalation. Particular attention must be paid to the risk that incidents deliberately orchestrated to discredit the student movement could be used to justify repression or obstruct the peaceful and constitutional transfer of power.

The democratic choice expressed by Serbia's citizens must not be undermined by intimidation, manufactured instability or the threat of violence.

International vigilance and preventive diplomatic engagement are essential now, before further incidents occur and tensions escalate.

Respectfully,

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