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**DECLARATION ON THE NAME AND STATUS OF
THE CROATIAN LITERARY LANGUAGE AND TEN
THESES ON THE CROATIAN STANDARD LANGUAGE
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Abstract

Declaration on the name and status of the Croatian Language from 1967 was the initiator of direct opposition to Novi Sad Agreement which was lead deliberately, with political and strategic measure, but at the same time decisively. Regardless of condemnations, punishments, prohibitions and prosecutions of the main initiators and other active participants – organizers and sympathizers, institutions, signatories and writers of the *Declaration* – and repressively imposed silence about that noble act, the patriotism feeling has been growing constantly and proportionally. Responsibility of the entire Croatian national creature for protection of the Croatian language has also been increased with the intention to improve both its constitutional-legal status and real position in the society because the language is the center of its identity, stronghold of personal and common rights and guarantee of civility, independence and freedom.

Besides the Declaration as the turning point on the way of the Croatian language there are also *Ten theses on the Croatian standard language* in which Brozovic argumentatively and convincingly explains his disagreement with Novi Sad Agreement emphasizing independence and vitality of the Croatian language that has been developed for centuries “in its own way” and “in the accordance to language practice and consistent Croatian tradition”.

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