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ON DIASPORA OF KOSOVO

Assembly of Republic of Kosovo,

Based on Article 65 (1) of the Constitution of Republic of Kosovo,

Approves

LAW ON DIASPORA OF KOSOVO

CHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1
The Purpose of the Law

The purpose of this Law is to have influence on preservation and cultivation of language, culture and education identity of the Diaspora members and to define their relations with institutions of Republic of Kosovo.

Article 2
Scope of the Law

1. Law on Diaspora Promotes in organizing of Diaspora in various states in which the Diaspora lives.
2. Law on Diaspora incites, promotes and develops inter-cultural relations between Republic of Kosovo and states in which the Diaspora lives.

Article 3
Definitions

1. Terms used in this law shall have the following meaning:

1.1. **Member of Diaspora of Kosovo** – any person dwelling or emplaced outside Kosovo and who was born or has family origins in the Republic of Kosovo;

1.2. **Citizenship** – a close legal relation between the state of Kosovo and a person, which results in mutual rights and obligations;

1.3. **Agency - Kosovo Diaspora Agency**– a responsible governmental body for members of the Diaspora;

1.4. **KCCD** – Kosovo Cultural Centre on Diaspora established in countries with interest for Diaspora and for the state of Kosovo.

CHAPTER II
RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES ON DIASPORA

Article 4
Responsible Authorities

1. Government of Republic of Kosovo shall coordinate the realization of interests of members of Diaspora and shall undertake steps to implement this law through these respective bodies:

1.1. Kosovo Diaspora Agency; and

1.2. Kosovo Cultural Centers on Diaspora.

Article 5
Establishment of the Diaspora Agency

1. The Kosovo Diaspora Agency, shall be established Kosovo Diaspora Agency, to exercise and implement the authority and responsibilities defined by this law.

2. Kosovo Diaspora Agency is hereby established as an Executive Agency, which shall be organizationally attached to the Office of the Prime Minister.

Article 6
Responsibilities of the Diaspora Agency

1. Kosovo Diaspora Agency has its responsibilities as follows:
 - 1.1. implements the provisions of this law and sub-legal acts approved on its basis;
 - 1.2. drafts and proposes policies to promote values of the Diaspora and supervise their implementation;
 - 1.3. coordinates the implementation of agreements with Kosovo Cultural Centers on Diaspora;
 - 1.4. coordinates work regarding the Strategy Plan of Diaspora and monitors its implementation;
 - 1.5. cooperates with other state institutions, local and civil society to improve the position of Diaspora of Republic of Kosovo;
 - 1.6. with the approval of the Government of republic of Kosovo cooperates with other state institutions to improve the position of Diaspora;
 - 1.7. works and assist to raise the general awareness of Diaspora of Republic of Kosovo;
 - 1.8. helps in promoting the cultural, language and educational identity of Republic of Kosovo in various countries where members of Diaspora live.
 - 1.9. in coordination and cooperation with other Kosovo Cultural Centers of Diaspora, prepares reports for Government about Diaspora position.
 - 1.10. reports to the Government on the activities of the Agency on annual bases.

Article 7
Organization of the Agency

1. The Agency shall be headed by a Chief Executive Officer who shall be responsible for administration, functioning and management of the Agency.
2. The Chief Executive Officer shall report and be accountable to the Prime Minister.
3. The appointment, dismissal, functions and responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer shall be governed by the relevant provisions applicable in the Republic of Kosovo.

4. The structure and organization of the Agency shall be regulated with sub-legal act approved by the Government.

Article 8 **Establishment of Kosovo Cultural Centre on Diaspora**

1. The Kosovo Cultural Centre on Diaspora shall be established in order to organize, communicate, liaise, educate, preserve and cultivate the cultural identity of Diaspora of Republic of Kosovo.

2. In order to support the sustainable development of Kosovo, Diaspora shall function through Kosovo Cultural Centers on Diaspora to be established in countries of interest of Diaspora and Republic of Kosovo.

3. Kosovo Cultural Centers on Diaspora shall be registered as legal non-profitable entities in compliance with laws in force in host countries.

Article 9 **Responsibilities of KCCD**

1. KCCD has the following responsibilities:

1.1. to promote general information on Kosovo;

1.2. to promote and develop knowledge of language, culture and cultural heritage of Kosovo as defined by this law and by other sub-legal acts;

1.3. to encourage scientific, technical, technological, sport and economic cooperation between Kosovo and other countries;

1.4. KCCD shall provide information and instructions on investments in Kosovo, fiscal exemptions, cultural and educational organizations, meetings with compatriots and leading structures in Kosovo and relevant host countries, support to political structures of respective countries for the development of democracy and economy in Kosovo and public awareness campaigns for Kosovo in host countries;

1.5. KCCD supports and organizes youth and various group ages of Diaspora, cultural, educational and sport activities, ways and forms of regular and comprehensive information;

1.6. KCCD through plans and programs promotes investments into the homeland;

1.7. to promote advancements in the area of education, deriving from this law;

1.8. to perform other duties assigned by the Prime Minister.

Article 10
Functioning of KCCD

1. Director of KCC shall be selected with advertisement by the appointed Committee consisting of five (5) members:

1.1. one (1) representative from the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports;

1.2. one (1) representative from OPM;

1.3. one (1) representative from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

1.4. two (2) representatives from Kosovo Diaspora Agency, where one the representatives shall be from non-majority community.

2. The salary of the Director of KCC on Diaspora shall be equal to the salary of the Secretary of the Embassy in relevant host country.

3. Structure, organization and functioning as well as selection of the Director of KCC on Diaspora shall be regulated with sub-legal acts proposed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Kosovo Diaspora Agency and approved by the Government.

Article 11
Funds and Financing of KCCD

1. Funds for the activities of KCC on Diaspora shall be provided from the following sources:

1.1. budget of Republic of Kosovo;

1.2. membership;

1.3. donations; and

1.4. other sources in compliance with the law

CHAPTER III
PRESERVATION AND CULTIVATION OF THE LANGUAGE IDENTITY,
CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL IDENTITY OF MEMBERS OF DIASPORA
OF REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO

Article 12

Support to Teaching and Advancing the Official Languages of Kosovo

1. Government of Republic of Kosovo shall assist to create conditions to the members of Diaspora to enable them to learn and preserve the official languages of Republic of Kosovo and languages of the communities in which the educational system is developed in Kosovo.
2. Kosovo Diaspora Agency, in cooperation with the respective Ministry of Education, based on educational program, shall assist and support directly the development of teaching process of education employees of official languages of Kosovo and languages of the communities in which the educational system is developed in Kosovo, in countries where Diaspora of Republic of Kosovo is in larger numbers, compact or with special state interest.
3. Government of Republic of Kosovo shall conclude bilateral agreements with respective countries inhabited by members of Diaspora of Kosovo, for the advancement of teaching process of official languages and culture of Republic of Kosovo and languages of the communities in which the educational system is developed in Kosovo.
4. Organization of teaching process and the selection of teachers in respective countries with Diaspora, shall be regulated by sub-legal act proposed by the Agency and approved by Kosovo Government.
5. For the purpose of accomplishing the teaching process under paragraph 4 of this Article, Government of Republic of Kosovo shall coordinate tasks with countries of the region having joint interests in the issue.
6. Kosovo Diaspora Agency, in cooperation with the responsible Ministry of Education, assists in:
 - 6.1. distribution of special textbooks in countries where Diaspora of Kosovo lives, in order to teach and advance the official languages and culture of Republic of Kosovo and in languages of other communities in which it is developed the educational system in Kosovo;
 - 6.2. books on literature, culture and cultural heritage of Kosovo;
 - 6.3. other educational materials;

- 6.4. electronic access to school books of the Kosovo, through a special internet web-page for its Diaspora.
7. Kosovo Diaspora Agency, in cooperation with the responsible Ministry of Education, shall:
- 7.1. prepare and implement programs to teach official languages in distance, through internet and electronic means of mass communication as well as teach culture and history of Republic of Kosovo; and
- 7.2. organize training seminars for teachers.

Article 13
Cultural Cooperation and Promotion of Cultural Heritage of Kosovo

Kosovo Diaspora Agency, in cooperation with Ministry responsible of Culture, shall support financially cultural and sport activities of members of Diaspora with an aim of preserving and developing identity, preserving cultural heritage and promoting them.

Article 14
Information

1. Public broadcaster of Republic of Kosovo shall be obliged to allocate 5-7 % of the monthly program scheme of programs for Diaspora of Republic of Kosovo only.
2. Government of Republic of Kosovo shall provide access to information, integration and cooperation in the area of information, including provision of information for members of Diaspora on the current events in Republic of Kosovo and vice versa, information in Kosovo regarding the Diaspora members. Special attention will be paid to the use of modern electronic information.
3. Government of Republic of Kosovo shall incite and encourage the work of Kosovo media of Diaspora members on the basis of the efficiency and rationality of their activities.

Article 15
Science and Economy

1. Kosovo Diaspora Agency shall pay special attention to strengthen economic links, cooperation in the area of science and development of new technologies between members of Diaspora and institutions of the state of Kosovo, through economic cooperation among various measures of political economy on the basis of laws in force of Republic of Kosovo.

2. Kosovo Diaspora Agency shall support cooperation of Kosovo scientists' members of Diaspora who live abroad and strengthen cooperation in national research Institutions.

CHAPTER IV TRANSIOTIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 16 Transitional and Final Provisions

1. For the purpose of implementing this law, sub-legal acts shall be issued in compliance with the provisions of this law within six (6) months from its entry into force.
2. Upon the entry into force of this law, all legal provisions that are in contradiction with it shall be abrogated.
3. Government of Republic of Kosovo, within one (1) year from entry into force of this law, shall approve the Strategic Plan for Diaspora, drafted and proposed by the Kosovo Diaspora Agency.
4. Upon the entry into force of this law, the non resident Office Affairs becomes the Kosovo Diaspora Agency.
5. The civil service staff and the budget of the Kosovo Diaspora Agency and other assets shall be transferred to the Kosovo Diaspora Agency.
6. The implementation of this Law is done progressively and in accordance with norms and financial opportunities.

Article 17 Entry into force

This law shall enter into force fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette of Republic of Kosovo.

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