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#### **ON FOREIGNERS**

#### Assembly of Republic of Kosovo,

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

Adopts:

#### LAW ON FOREIGNERS

### CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### Article 1 Purpose

This Law shall regulate the entry in the territory of Kosovo, the departure as well as the stay of foreigners in the Republic of Kosovo.

#### Article 2 Scope

1. Provisions of this law shall apply to foreigners, as far as their status it is not regulated with other legal provisions or with international agreements signed by the Republic of Kosovo.

2. Provisions of the law on foreigners shall not apply to foreigners as far as their status is regulated by the law on the status, immunity and privileges of consular and diplomatic missions, of international military presence and their personnel in the Republic of Kosovo.

### Article 3 Definitions

- 1. Terms used in this Law shall have the following meaning:
  - 1.1. **Foreigner -** the person who is not citizen of the Republic of Kosovo.
  - 1.2. **Ministry** the relevant Ministry of Internal Affairs.
  - 1.3. **Center** Admission Centre for Foreigners.

### Article 4 Priority of citizenship

The foreigner, who possesses more than one citizenship, shall be considered a citizen of that state which issued the travel document and by which has entered the Republic of Kosovo.

### Article 5 Terms for entry in the Republic of Kosovo

The foreigner may enter and stay in the territory of Kosovo only by a valid travel document in which is recorded a visa or permission for stay, unless the provisions of this law, decision of the government or with international agreement provide otherwise.

### Article 6 Freedom of movement

- 1. Any person with lawful stay in the territory of the Republic of Kosovo shall have the right to freedom of movement and the freedom to choose the residence in the whole territory of the Republic of Kosovo.
- 2. Movement of foreigners within the territory of the Kosovo may only be restricted in accordance with the law and only to that extent that is necessary, with the purpose to:
  - 2.1. protection of vital national security interests;

- 2.2. prevention of serious threats in relation to security and public order;
- 2.3. prevention of serious criminal threats;
- 2.4. prevention of serious threats in relation to public health and morals;
- 2.5. prevention of serious threats in relation to rights and freedoms of others.

### Article 7 Adherence to law

The foreigner shall adhere to the laws and regulations including by law acts and decisions of state bodies during its stay and movement in the Republic of Kosovo.

### Article 8 The right of association

- 1. The foreigner may create associations in compliance with the legislation into force.
- 2. The foreigner shall not be permitted to create political party.

### Article 9 Rules of procedures

If it is not otherwise regulated by this law, the procedure on foreigners shall be in compliance with the law on administrative procedure and other respective laws.

### CHAPTER II TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

### Article 10 Foreign travel document

Foreign travel document shall imply travel documents issued by foreign states as: personal or family passport, group travel document, diplomatic passport, official passport, or other travel documents issued according to international agreements.

# Article 11 Travel documents for foreigners issued by the Republic of Kosovo

- 1. Travel documents for foreigners, issued by the Republic of Kosovo are:
  - 1.1. travel document for foreigners;
  - 1.2. travel paper for foreigner;
  - 1.3. travel document for refugees;
  - 1.4. travel document for stateless persons.
- 2. Procedure for issuance of travel documents for foreigners according to this law shall be regulated by sub-legal act issued by the Ministry.

# Article 12 Issue of travel documents for foreigners

- 1. Travel documents for foreigners may be issued to the person who is not citizen of the Republic of Kosovo, according to the terms foreseen by this Law and the Law on Asylum.
- 2. Travel paper for foreigners shall be issued by the ministry.
- 3. Travel documents for foreigners shall be issued with validity up to five (5) years.

# Article 13 Issue of travel paper for foreigners

- 1. Travel paper for foreigners shall be issued to the foreigner who does not possess valid travel document if:
  - 1.1. the citizenship of the Republic of Kosovo has been removed from him in compliance with provisions of the Law on Citizenship;
  - 1.2. has lost the travel document or in another manner has remained without it, while the state whose citizen he is does not has diplomatic mission respectively consular office in the Republic of Kosovo and neither his interests can be represented from another state for departure from country.
- 2. Travel paper may be issued to the foreigner if there exist reasonable causes by the consent of the ministry.

#### Article 14

#### Non – issuance and sequestration of the travel document for the foreigner

- 1. Travel document for foreigners shall not be issued to the foreigner:
  - 1.1. against whom is proceeded the criminal procedure, unless there exists the consent of state body who leads the procedure;
  - 1.2. who is convicted with imprisonment or punishment with money, while it doesn't suffer the punishment or pays the punishment in money;
  - 1.3. who has not regulated the obligation of real estate that has belonged to him, for which exists the entitled comprehensive dispute, upon request of competent court;
  - 1.4. if this is required by causes of protection of legal order, national security or public health, in compliance with procedures and guarantees defined by law.
- 2. Travel document for foreigners may be sequestered on the basis of grounds defined by this article.
- 3. The complaint shall not have suspension effect. Travel document shall be kept for long as there exist sequestration grounds.

#### CHAPTER III VISAS

#### Article 15 Issue of visas

- 1. Visa shall be approval for entry and stay no longer than ninety (90) days or transit throughout the territory of the Republic of Kosovo.
- 2. The foreigner who is citizen of the state for which visa is required shall be obliged to ensure the visa before entry the Republic of Kosovo.
- 3. Based only in visa a foreigner shall not provide work with payment in the Republic of Kosovo.
- 4. Visas shall be issued by the mission's consulate of the Republic of Kosovo, or other bodies that are authorized by the Government of the Republic of Kosovo.

5. Prior to issuance of visa, the diplomatic mission's consulate, office or other bodies that are authorized by the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, shall be obliged to obtain preliminary consent of the respective ministry.

#### Article 16 Validity of visas

- 1. A visa shall be issued to the foreigner who possesses the valid travel document.
- 2. A visa shall be issued for a period of validity which should be less than the term of validity of the travel document.

### Article 17 Types of visas

- 1. Types of visas shall be:
  - 1.1. entry visa;
  - 1.2. transit visa;
  - 1.3. transit-air visa;
  - 14. group visa.

#### Article 18 Entry visa

- 1. An entry visa shall be issued for one or more entries to the Republic of Kosovo.
- 2. An entry visa shall be issued for a validity term up to one (1) year.
- 3. Uninterrupted stay, respectively the total duration of successive stay of the foreigner with entry visa in the Republic of Kosovo, shall not be longer than ninety (90) days, within the period stage from six (6) months by counting from the day of first entry.
- 4. If this is required by the humanitarian needs, serious professional or personal grounds, entry visa for single entry and stay up to fifteen (15) days shall be issued by the competent authority for the control of border crossing.

#### Article 19 Transit visa

- 1. A transit visa shall be issued to the foreigner for one, or more special travels through the Republic of Kosovo.
- 2. A transit visa shall be issued in a validity term up to six (6) months.
- 3. Based on the transit visa the foreigner may, on case of each travel, stay in Kosovo at latest five (5) days.
- 4. A transit visa shall be issued to the foreigner who argues that has provided the entry in the state of destination.
- 5. If this is required for humanitarian, professional and serious personal needs, transit visa for one transit may be issued by the competent body in the border crossing point.

#### Article 20 Air – transit visa

- 1. To the foreigner, who during the air transit in the airport of the Republic of Kosovo does not leave the air transit space, no visa shall be required.
- 2. Exceptionally from the paragraph 1 of this Article, based on the Article 6 of this Law Government of Kosovo may require transit visa from foreign citizens of certain states.
- 3. To the foreigner shall be issued the air transit visa for one or more crossings throughout the transit air space in which case for each transit passage may stay at latest twenty-four (24) hours in the certain zone of the airport.

#### Article 21 Group visa

- 1. A group visa shall be issued to the group of five (5) up to fifty (50) persons for single entry or transit throughout the territory of the Republic of Kosovo.
- 2. A group visa shall be issued also to the group with larger number of persons, if it is related to organized tourist groups which come in the Republic of Kosovo on basis of international agreement.
- 3. On basis of group visas for single entry in the state of Kosovo may be stayed for latest thirty (30) days.

4. If it is in the interest of the Republic of Kosovo with the assessment of the respective government institution, the group visa shall be issued by the competent body for the control of border crossing.

#### Article 22 Procedure for visa issuance

Procedure and mode of issuance of all types of visas by the Article 17 of this Law shall be regulated by sub-legal acts.

### Article 23 Extension of visa

- 1. The visa shall not be extended.
- 2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of this Article the visa is extended in urgent cases such as for: humanitarian, professional or personal reasons.
- 3. Request for extension of visa according to the paragraph 2 of this Article shall be submitted to the competent body which shall decide about the presented request.

#### Article 24 Non – issuance of visas

- 1. A visa shall not be issued if:
  - 1.1.there exist causes from Article 30 of this Law;
  - 1.2. the foreigner personally does not respond to the invitation of the diplomatic mission respectively consular office.
- 2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of Article, a visa shall be issued for humanitarian causes if this is in the interest of the Republic of Kosovo or in compliance with international agreement.

# Article 25 Competencies of the body for state border control

1. A border police officer shall decide to permit the entry of the foreigner only in the certain border crossing.

- 2. A border police officer shall limit the period of visa if he/she verifies that the foreigner does not possess sufficient means to be supported during the period of visa.
- 3. Border police officer shall cancel the visa if he/she verifies the existence of causes by article 30 of this law.
- 4. Annulment of visa shall be made by the written form of decision. Against this decision an appeal may be filed.

### Article 26 Obligations of transport carriers

- 1. Transport carrier may carry the foreigner in the border crossing point if it meets conditions for entry in the Republic of Kosovo.
- 2. If to the foreigner is refused the entry in the Republic of Kosovo, the transport carrier who has brought it to the border, must, upon request of the body for border control, to return the foreigner in the state from which he has entered, in the state where the document of the foreigner is issued, or in another state that is ready to admit him.
- 3. If the transport carrier cannot return the foreigner from the Republic of Kosovo in compliance with paragraph 2 of this Article, shall immediately and with his costs to provide other transport carrier.
- 4. If the transport carrier who has brought the foreigner in the state border or in the territory of the Republic of Kosovo, contrary to the paragraph 1 of this Article, shall cover the accommodation costs and the return of the foreigner.
- 5. Obligation arising from this article shall be applicable also to the transport carrier who carries the foreigner in the border state or within the territory of the Republic of Kosovo, who is crossing transit or to whom is refused the onward transport by another transport carrier or to whom is refused the entry in the state of destination and it is returned in the Republic of Kosovo.
- 6. The organizer of touristic travels or work travels in the Republic of Kosovo, shall be obliged, for foreigners to whom has provided the relevant service, to cover the expenses of departure from the Republic of Kosovo, if to the foreigner it is prohibited the entry or the foreigner is removed by violence from the Republic of Kosovo and if these expenses can not be covered by the foreigner.

# CHAPTER IV ENTRY OF FOREIGNERS IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO AND THE DEPARTURE FROM IT

### Article 27 Entry in the Republic of Kosovo

- 1. It is considered that the foreigner has entered into the Republic of Kosovo when he has crossed the state border, respectively when has crossed the place where is conducted the border control.
- 2. Retention of foreigners in transit space in the airport and in the border crossing points shall not mean the entry in the Republic of Kosovo.

#### Article 28 Border control

- 1. Persons who enter the Republic of Kosovo or depart from the Republic of Kosovo shall be subject of border control.
- 2. Border police officer for the border control may, but not limited to, require from the foreigner to prove causes which prove the purpose of the entry in the Republic of Kosovo.

### Article 29 Entry without travel document

- 1. If the foreigner comes for touristic or business visit in the Republic of Kosovo and does not possess the valid travel document, as is provided in the article 5 of this law, the border police officer shall issue the permit for border crossing, based in the document that is proved the identity of the foreigner, which was issued by the state to which the foreigner is citizen.
- 2. To foreigners in air, water travel may be issued the permit for border crossing and on the base of the record of passengers which was proven by the responsible person.
- 3. Passengers' register shall contain the name and surname, year of birth, citizenship and the number of travel documents of passengers, respectively the number of another document by which is verified the identity.
- 4. Border permit of circulation shall be issued with a validity term up to ninety (90) days.

5. Border permit of circulation according to this article shall not be issued to the foreigner is there exist causes defined in article 30 of this Law.

### Article 30 Prohibition for entry and Re – entry

- 1. Only when foreseen otherwise entry in Kosovo shall not be allowed to the foreigner if:
  - 1.1. does not fulfill conditions by article 5 of this Law;
  - 1.2. does not possess sufficient financial means for living during the period of stay in the Republic of Kosovo, as well as for the return in the state from which has come or for the travel in the third country;
  - 1.3. is in transit or does not fulfill conditions for entry in the third country;
  - 1.4. it is into force the order for deportation with prohibition for re entry;
  - 1.5. does not posses the verification for vaccination, which comes from the zone where reigns the epidemic infectious diseases;
  - 1.6. this is required by the causes of protection of legal order or national security;
  - 1.7. exists the grounded suspicion that his stay may be related with the commission of criminal offence which are followed according to the ex officio;
  - 1.8. it is identified in the list of wanted persons.
- 2. The decision for deportation of the foreigner may stipulate the ban for his/her re entry. The ban for re entry shall be recorded in the travel document of the foreigner. After leaving the territory of Republic of Kosovo, the foreigner is entitled to file an appeal to the competent court regarding the duration of re-entering ban.
- 3. Government of the Republic of Kosovo shall define the amount of means for living pursuant to subparagraph 1.2 of paragraph 1 of this Article.

### Article 31 Retention in the state border

When to a foreigner is refused the entry in the territory of the Republic of Kosovo and his/her immediate return is impossible, then the foreigner may be held in the facilities meant for such purpose, until creation of conditions for his/her return.

### Article 32 Illegal border crossing

- 1. Illegal crossing of state border shall be considered when the foreigner:
  - 1.1. does not fulfill the conditions defined in Article 5 of this law;
  - 1.2. attempts to cross the state border outside the border crossing point or the assigned time for crossing of state border;
  - 1.3. avoids or attempts to avoid border control;
  - 1.4. during the state border crossing uses a non valid travel document, forged and authentic travel documents of other persons used in an abusive manner;
  - 1.5. gives false data to the authorized officials for control of state border crossing;
  - 1.6. enters in the Republic of Kosovo while the order for removal with ban for re entry is into force.

### Article 33 Time limit for stay without visa

The foreigner, to whom is not requested visa for entry into the Republic of Kosovo, may stay in Kosovo not longer than ninety (90) days, in the time period of six (6) months by counting from the first day of entry, unless by provisions of this law or international agreement is provided otherwise.

### Article 34 Leaving the Republic of Kosovo

- 1. Foreigner may freely leave from the Republic of Kosovo, unless if;
  - 1.1. the foreigner possesses foreign non- valid documents, forged documents and authentic travel documents of other persons used in abusive manners;
  - 1.2. the foreigner does not fulfill conditions for entry in another state;
  - 1.3. for the foreigner exist the ground of suspicion with the purpose of avoiding the prosecution for criminal offences or the prosecution for offences, arrest warrant or expiation of obligations defined by the law;
  - 1.4. this is required for reasons to protect constitutional order, national security or public health in support of the decision of the competent body.

- 2. The foreigner is permitted to leave the Republic of Kosovo when cease to exist the causes from paragraph 1 of this article.
- 3. In cases when the foreigner refuses to be removed from the territory of the Republic of Kosovo in compliance with sub-paragraph 1.4 of paragraph 1 of this Article, the ministry to the same person shall issue a decision in written from. The foreigner shall have the right to appeal against this decision to the competent court. The court shall issue the decision regarding this matter within the term of seventy-two (72) hours from the moment of presenting the appeal. The court may annul the decision, release the foreigner and order the foreigner to leave the Republic of Kosovo.

#### CHAPTER V STAY OF FOREIGNERS

#### Article 35 Types of stay

- 1. Stay of foreigners in the Republic of Kosovo may be:
  - 1.1. stay up to ninety (90) days;
  - 1.2. temporary stay;
  - 1.3. permanent stay.

### Article 36 Stay up to ninety (90) days

- 1. The stay up to ninety (90) days shall imply the short term stay of the foreigner in the Republic of Kosovo without visa, with visa or border circulation permit, unless by the provisions of this law or with international agreements is not provided otherwise.
- 2. The foreigner, to whom is not granted the permit for stay up to ninety (90) days for certain purposes, may stay in Kosovo only in compliance with the purpose for what it is granted the short term stay permit up to ninety (90) days.

#### Article 37 Temporary stay

1. Permit for temporary stay shall be granted to the foreigner who:

- 1.1. has as a purpose to stay in Kosovo longer than ninety (90) days or for reasons referred to in Article 40 of this Law;
- 1.2. has stayed in the Republic of Kosovo longer than thirty (30) days and is engaged in the employment category as stipulated in the legal act that regulates the employment of foreigners in the Republic of Kosovo.

### Article 38 Conditions for temporary stay

- 1. Permit for temporary stay for the first time shall be issued in validity term up to one (1) year, unless by provisions of this law or with international agreements is otherwise provided.
- 2. Validity term of the travel document should be at least three (3) months longer than the time for which is issued the permit for temporary stay.
- 3. Exceptionally from paragraph 2 of this Article, the foreigner who does not posses the valid travel document, the permit for temporary stay shall be extended by a decision of respective ministry.

# Article 39 Request permission for temporary stay

- 1. The application for issuance of permit for temporary stay, the foreigner shall submit to the ministry.
- 2. Permission for temporary stay according to paragraph 1 of this Article shall be issued only for the purpose of request.
- 3. The application for extension of temporary stay shall be submitted to the ministry not later than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the temporary stay term.
- 4. If foreigner who for reasonable excuses can not submit the request for extension of stay within the legal terms, he/she may request re-settlement for an appeal within three (3) days from the day of acknowledgment on the decision. The ministry shall make decision within three (3) days from the moment it was submitted. The request for resettlement in time and its review shall suspend the decision for deportation of the foreigner from Kosovo.

### Article 40 Purpose of temporary stay

- 1. The purpose of the temporary stay may be:
  - 1.1. employment purpose;
  - 1.2. study or education;
  - 1.3. family unification; and
  - 1.4. other reasonable causes defined by the legislation into force or international agreement.
- 2. Categorization of permission of stay shall be regulated with sub-legal act issued by the ministry.

### Article 41 Application for temporary stay

- 1. To the foreigner there may be permitted temporary stay if:
  - 1.1. possesses sufficient financial means for living;
  - 1.2. has provided the housing;
  - 1.3. has health insurance;
  - 1.4. its stay it is not in contrary to the article 49 of this Law;
  - 1.5. has presented arguments about the reasonableness of the temporary stay.
- 2.Along to the application for temporary stay for the first time and for extension, the foreigner shall be obliged to present the verification that he is not convicted from the state where has resided at lastly.
- 3. Against the decision by which it is refused the application for temporary stay permit, may be presented the complaint in a period of time from eight (8) days from the day of receiving the decision.
- 4. The complaint from paragraph 3 of this Article shall be reviewed by the Commission for Complaints Review within thirty (30) days in the relevant ministry. Complaint does not stop the execution of the decision.

#### Article 42 Purposes for temporary stay

- 1. The foreigner, to whom is granted the permit for temporary stay for certain purposes, may stay in Kosovo only in compliance with the purpose for what the temporary stay permit is granted.
- 2. The foreigner to whom it is granted the temporary stay permit for certain purpose, except the foreigner who stays with the purpose of seasonal employment and the foreigner who is engaged in the special employment category defined in the by law act that regulates the employment of foreigners in the Republic of Kosovo, and has for purpose to stay in the Republic of Kosovo more than thirty (30) days, may submit the application for stay on other basis.

### Article 43 Temporary stay for employment purposes

- 1. Temporary stay for employment purposes shall be allowed to the foreigner:
  - 1.1. to whom is issued the work permit;
  - 1.2. to whom is not needed the work permit, but intends to stay in Kosovo longer than thirty (30) days if it meets other conditions provided by provisions of this law.
- 2. Temporary stay permit with employment purpose shall be issued to the foreigner in the period of time no longer than the work permit is issued.

### Article 44 Regulation of employment for foreigners

Employment of foreigners in the Republic of Kosovo shall be regulated by a special legal act.

# Article 45 Temporary stay for education purpose

1. The application of issuing permit for temporary stay with education purpose, voluntary service, unpaid training, shall be obliged that except terms provided in Article 41 of this Law to attach the certificate issued by the legal institution that admits in the Republic of Kosovo.

2. Temporary stay permit in terms of education or studies may be extended up to two (2) years after the expiration of the time limit defined by regulations for the period of extending the education respectively studies.

### Article 46 Temporary stay for family unification purpose

- 1. The application for issuing permit for temporary stay for family reunion purpose shall be entitled to submit the foreigner close member of the family of the citizen of the Republic of Kosovo, the foreigner to whom is issued the temporary or permanent stay permit or the foreigner who has the status of asylum seeker.
- 2. Close family members, in terms of provisions of this law, shall be considered spouses, minor children who have not created their families as well as parents of minor children. Close family member may be considered also the other relative, adopted or the adopter, if there exist particular personal or humanitarian causes for family unification in the Republic of Kosovo.
- 3.On the case of submission of application for temporary stay according to this law, conditions provided in Article 41 of this Law shall be fulfilled as well as by the family member with stay in the Republic of Kosovo. Based on the temporary stay according to this law, the foreigner may work in the Republic of Kosovo on base of conditions provided in article 43 of this law.

# Article 47 Extension of temporary stay with family reunion purpose

- 1. To the foreigners, close family members of the citizens of the Republic of Kosovo, following the application, may be extended the temporary stay in e period up to three (3) years respectively until fulfilling conditions for permit issuance of permanent stay.
- 2. The foreigner, close family member of the citizen of the Republic of Kosovo, may require the extension of his temporary stay and in the case when the applicant of his application for family reunion purposes, with temporary stay, has passed away or their marriage that has last at least three (3) years in the Republic of Kosovo has terminated.

# Article 48 Temporary stay for new born children

1. For new born children in the territory of the Republic of Kosovo, who is not citizen of the Republic of Kosovo, shall be not required stay permit until he is six (6) months old.

2.After six (6) months of temporary stay, the permission for temporary stay shall be granted to the children ex officio, while it is extended for as long time as it is permitted the temporary stay of one parent or the custodian of children.

### Article 49 Revocation of temporary stay

- 1. To the foreigner shall be revoked the temporary stay permit by the respective ministry, if:
  - 1.1. proves the existence of causes by Article 30 of this Law;
  - 1.2. works in the Republic of Kosovo without having a valid work permit, respectively in violation to the provisions of this Law;
  - 1.3. stays in the Republic of Kosovo in violation to the purpose according to which the temporary stay is granted;
  - 1.4. violates public order or other democratic values of society protected by law.
- 2. On the case of revocation of the decision for stay of the foreigner, shall be taken into consideration the duration of the stay in that state and personal, family, economic and other circumstances.
- 3. Revocation of stay shall be given in written form and shall notify about this the relevant ministry.
- 4. After revocation of stay permit, the foreigner shall have no right to submit application for stay permit in the Republic of Kosovo at least one (1) year after the decision for revocation.

# Article 50 Execution of revocation for temporary stay

- 1. Relevant ministry shall terminate the stay of foreigner who stays in the Republic of Kosovo, and of the foreigner to whom is permitted the stay up to ninety (90) days or temporary stay and the revocation shall be immediately revoked if:
  - 1.1.to the foreigner it is imposed a order of expulsion with or without a ban for re entry;
  - 1.2.it is revoked the temporary stay;
  - 1.3. expires the validity for which the temporary stay it is permitted.

2. Execution of the decision for revocation of temporary stay shall conduct the Kosovo Police.

#### Article 51 Permanent stay

- 1. Permanent stay shall be permitted to the foreigner who:
  - 1.1. until the day of submission of application for permanent stay, has five (5) years of uninterrupted temporary stay.
  - 1.2. has three (3) years married consistently to the same citizen of the Republic of Kosovo or to the foreigner with permanent stay permit.
- 2. The minor person with temporary stay in the Republic of Kosovo shall be permitted the permanent stay if one of the parents is the foreigner with permanent stay permit, with the consent of other parent.
- 3. Exceptionally, permanent stay shall be issued to other foreigners with temporary stay for humanitarian causes or if this is in the interest of the Republic of Kosovo to do that.
- 4. Competent body shall define the recognition of the permanent stay according to the paragraph 3 of this Article.
- 5.The time that the foreigner has passed in suffering the imprisonment, shall not be counted in the time that it needs for permitting the permanent stay, unless in cases when the person finally is released or when the final decision is annulled.
- 6. Uninterrupted stay in the Republic of Kosovo shall be considered if the foreigner stays outside the Republic of Kosovo until ninety (90) days within six (6) months or by a special authorization by the relevant ministry until six (6) months within one (1) year.

# Article 52 Application for permanent stay

- 1. Application for granting permit for permanent stay shall be submitted to the relevant ministry:
- 2. Against the decision of the relevant ministry shall not be permitted the complaint, while legal disputes can be raised.

#### Article 53 Refusal of permanent stay

- 1. Permanent stay shall not be permitted to the foreigner who:
  - 1.1. has been convicted for a criminal offence inside or outside the territory of the Republic of Kosovo;
  - 1.2. does not posses financial means for living;
  - 1.3. has not provided housing;
  - 1.4. does not have health insurance;
  - 1.5. poses risk to the legal order, national security or public health.
- 2. Conviction for criminal offence in terms of sub-paragraph 1.1 of paragraph 1 of this Article shall not include:
  - 2.1. conviction for criminal offence with fine or up to six (6) months of prison, if the court has imposed the suspended sentence;
  - 2.2.the sentence for criminal offence imposed by a foreigner court if the offence concerned is not considered as criminal offence in the Republic of Kosovo or if the sentence is imposed based on a procedure which is not in compliance to European standards of the criminal law, in particular with the European Convention for Human Rights and Basic Freedoms and
  - 2.3.sentence for criminal offence settled in legitimate manner by the evidence of convicts.

# Article 54 Revocation of permanent stay

- 1. To the foreigner shall be revoked the permanent stay permit by the relevant ministry if:
  - 1.1. it is convicted for criminal offence with suspended and legally binding of six (6) months and more;
  - 1.2. this is required on the grounds to protect constitutional order, national security or public health.
- 2. On case of revocation of stay, to the foreigner shall be considered the time period of the stay and personal, economic, family and other circumstances.

3. Revocation of stay shall be granted in written form and for this shall be notified the relevant ministries.

# Article 55 Execution of revocation of permanent stay

- 1. Relevant ministry shall terminate the stay of the foreigner to whom is permitted the permanent stay and shall immediately execute if:
  - 1.1.to the foreigner it is imposed the order for expulsion with or without ban for re entry;
  - 1.2. relevant ministry determined that the foreigner is displaced or without interruption stays outside Kosovo, longer than six (6) months, and for this the relevant ministry it has not been informed;
  - 1.3.it is revoked the permanent stay.
- 2. In case from sub paragraph 1.2 of paragraph 1. of this article, the decision for revoking the permanent stay shall issue the relevant ministry.
- 3. Relevant ministry may take the decision even without the prior consent of the foreigner.
- 4. Execution of the decision for revocation of permanent stay shall conduct the Kosovo Police.

### CHAPTER VI ILEGAL STAY

### Article 56 Illegal stay

- 1. It shall be considered that the foreigner stays illegally in the Republic of Kosovo, if he does not posses the visa or the stay permit from Article 5 of this Law.
- 2. The foreigner who stays illegally in the Republic of Kosovo shall immediately, or in the term assigned, leave the territory of the Republic of Kosovo.
- 3. It shall be considered that the foreigner has left Kosovo in the time of state border crossing.

4. The foreigner who has submitted within legal term the application for extending the temporary stay may stay in Kosovo until the final decision is taken.

#### Article 57 Order for removal

- 1. Ministry shall assign to the foreigner the time limit and the certain time, that obliges him to leave the territory of the Republic of Kosovo, border crossing point where he will leave the country and obliges him to be reported to the competent body of the state border control during the removal from the territory of the Republic of Kosovo in cases when:
  - 1.1. it is refused application for stay permit;
  - 1.2. it is refused application for extending the stay permit;
  - 1.3. it is revoked the stay permit.
- 2. The body for state border control shall assign to the foreigner the time limit and the certain time that obliges him to leave the territory of the Republic of Kosovo, the border crossing point where he shall leave the country and obliges him to be reported to the body for state border control during the removal from the territory of the Republic of Kosovo in case when stays in the Republic of Kosovo according to Article 55 of this Law.
- 3. On the case of assigning the time limit for departure from the country, the body which has issued the order for removal shall have into consideration the time for which may leave the country, but the time limit may not be longer than thirty (30) days.
- 4. After issuing the order for removal, the foreigner shall not have the right to re enter in the Republic of Kosovo not less than six (6) months and no longer than one (1) year.
- 5. Appeal against the decision on assigning the time limit for removal from the country shall not stop the execution of the decision.
- 6. Time limit for departure from the Republic of Kosovo shall be counted from the day of submitting the decision for the removal order.
- 7. The foreigner within the assigned time limit for the order for removal, may request to be assigned another date for removal from the territory of the Republic of Kosovo. The request for extension of the time limit for removal order does not stop the execution of the decision.

#### Article 58

### Circumstances to be taken into account on appointment of term of the decision on order for removal

On case of decision for appointment of terms on order for removal of the foreigner to depart from the Republic of Kosovo, the body which has issued the order for removal shall take into account the time of stay, as well as personal, economic, family and other circumstances.

# Article 59 Obligations of other state bodies

- 1. State bodies, shall without delay inform the body for state control border police for the illegal stay of the foreigner in the Republic of Kosovo.
- 2. The official of border police who has initiated against the foreigner the procedure for misdemeanor or for criminal offences for which is ex officio prosecuted, shall be obliged to inform the relevant ministry without delay.

#### CHAPTER VII DEPORTATION OF FOREIGNERS

# Article 60 Execution of deportation

- 1. The foreigner may be deported, with or without ban for re entry, according to the decision of the competent court.
- 2. The foreigner to whom it is imposed the order for deportation with or without ban for re entry shall necessarily and immediately be removed from the territory of the Republic of Kosovo and in the same manner must act with the foreigner who should be returned based on the international agreement.
- 3. The police shall execute the decision of the competent court for deporting the foreigner who stays illegally in the Republic of Kosovo.

### Article 61 Non return of foreigners due to threats

- 1. The foreigner shall not be deported or returned by no means in states or borders of territories where their life or freedom will be risked due to race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social or political opinion group.
- 2. Rights stipulated in paragraph 1 of this Article, however shall not be applicable to the foreigner for who exist strong reasons that he is dangerous for the state security in which he is or has been convicted with a legally binding decision for a serious crime, which poses constant risk for the citizens of that state.
- 3. The person shall not be deported or returned by no means in the other state where exist strong reasons to believe that he will be in risk to be subject of torture or inhuman or degrading treatment.

# Article 62 Retention and detention of the foreigner

- 1. To the foreigner may be refused the entry in border for reasons of public security. To ensure the removal of the foreigner from the territory of the Republic of Kosovo, the foreigner may be detained in the shortest time possible.
- 2. The foreigner to whom can not be verified the identity, doesn't have valid visa, doesn't have stay permit or can not be deported according to the prior order for removal, may be held in the Reception Centre for Foreigners, in further text the Centre.
- 3. The foreigner, who for health reasons and for other particular needs or other reasons can not be accommodated in the Centre, shall be placed in another place with acceptable and adequate standards.
- 4. Persons accommodated in the reception centre or in other places in compliance with provisions of this law, shall be placed in separate spaces. Persons under age of eighteen (18) shall be placed separately from the adults, except close family members who should be placed together. Children shall take all the necessary assistance with respect to their age and shall be treated in compliance with provisions and principles of the Convention on Children Rights of 1989.
- 5. Members of the International Committee of Red Cross, of the United Nations High Commissariat for Refugees and European Committee on Prevention of Torture, shall have unimpeded access, which shall not be subject of any form of authorization, in Centre and in other places where a person is held in compliance with provisions of this law and other laws through which are implemented provisions of this law.

### Article 63 Time of Retention of foreigner

- 1. The foreigner shall be held in the centre until he/she is deported but no longer than ninety (90) days.
- 2. After expiration of the initial time limit of ninety (90) days, upon request of police the foreigner may be held, or returned in the Centre for other ninety (90) days after the decision of the competent court, if:
  - 2.1. procedure for the determination of his identity or collection of personal required documents is ongoing;
  - 2.2. this is required by security reasons.
- 3. In no circumstances the foreigner may be held for more than one hundred and eighty (180) days in the centre.
- 4. The foreigner may be released in any time from the centre after the decision of the competent court if there are no reasons for his deportation.

# Article 64 Terms for retention of the foreigner

- 1. During the time of retention in the Centre, the foreigner shall be obliged to adhere residence regulations of the Centre, and it is not permitted to be removed without permission.
- 2. The foreigner, for who there exists reasonable base that will not obey rules of the Centre or will attempt to leave the Centre without permission, shall be detained under conditions of intensive surveillance within the Centre.

# Article 65 Decision on retention of the person

- 1. Retention in the centre shall be assigned by the decision of the competent court.
- 2. Appeal shall not stop the execution of the decision on retention.

### Article 66 Termination of retention of foreigner in the Centre

1. Retention of the foreigner in the Centre shall terminate with:

- 1.1. removal of the foreigner from the country;
- 1.2. expiration of the time according to Article 63 of this Law;
- 1.3. in any time by the decision of the competent court.

### Article 67 Temporary stay of the foreigner

- 1. Temporary stay in Kosovo shall be permitted to the foreigner, who can not be deported from the Republic of Kosovo.
- 2. Relevant ministry, the temporary stay permits and continuous until six (6) months based on the application of the foreigner or according to ex officio.

# Article 68 Restriction of movement of the foreigner with temporary stay

- 1. Foreigners with temporary stay, pursuant to Article 67 of this law, in the Republic of Kosovo shall be restricted the movement only in certain municipality or defined geographic zone within the municipality, and shall be assigned the obliged notification in the nearest police station. Restriction of movement and obliged notification may last up to six (6) months.
- 2. To the foreigner, to whom it is permitted the temporary stay in the Republic of Kosovo, the relevant ministry shall assign the residence address.
- 3. The foreigner to whom it is permitted the temporary stay shall not be terminated and shall not be changed the obligation for departure from the Republic of Kosovo.
- 4. Temporary stay shall be marked in the travel document of the foreigner, while to the foreigner who does not posses the travel document, shall be issued the document with photography.

# Article 69 Termination of temporary stay

- 1. Temporary stay in the Republic of Kosovo shall be terminated with:
  - 1.1. removal of the foreigner from the country;
  - 1.2. expiration of the validity of the temporary stay;

- 1.3. annulment of the stay.
- 2. Temporary stay shall be annulled if:
  - 2.1. causes for which the first application for temporary stay cease to exist;
  - 2.2. the foreigner breaches restrictions provided in article 68 of this law.

#### Article 70 Retention of the minor foreigner

- 1. The minor foreign, shall be placed in the centre together with it close family or the custodian, exceptionally if for the minor it is more appropriate another accommodation.
- 2. To minors foreign under the age of sixteen (16) in reasonable cases may be assigned the intensive surveillance within the Centre only in the presence of the close family or his custodian.

# Article 71 Payments of expenses relating to retention in Centre

- 1. The foreigner shall be obliged to cover his expenses of residence in the centre and other expenses which are covered in case of deportation.
- 2. Expenses in relation to retention and deportation of the foreigner who doesn't have financial means shall be covered by the last employer who has employed the foreigner in the Republic of Kosovo without proper permission, as well as the person who is obliged to cover the expenses for the foreigner during the time of stay in the Republic of Kosovo. Expenses related to retention and deportation of the foreigner without financial means should be covered within three (3) months after the decision of the competent court.
- 3. Expenses which are impossible to be covered in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article shall be covered by the relevant ministry.

### Article 72 Confiscation of means

- 1. Relevant ministry, the foreigner whom deports with violence, may take financial means and cover expenses based on paragraph 1 of Article 71 of this Law. The confiscation process shall not leave the foreigner without means for elementary needs.
- 2. For financial taken means shall be issued verification.

3. For the secure implementation of the removal with violence, to the foreigner may be taken temporary the travel documents and other documents as well as travel tickets. For temporary retention of documents and means shall be issued an appropriate verification.

### CHAPTER VIII DOCUMENTS FOR VERIFICATION OF IDENTITY

# Article 73 Verification of identity of the foreigner

- 1. The foreigner shall indicate his identity by: travel documents, ID for the foreigner, special ID, as well as by other documents containing photography.
- 2. The foreigner shall be obliged to carry one of the documents provided in paragraph 1 of this article, and in case that is required by the official person, shall show the documents by which verifies his identity and the permit by which shows the legitimacy of the stay in the Republic of Kosovo.
- 3. To the foreigner there shall be banned to offer his /her documents to another person to be served with, respectively it shall not be permitted to be served with un-valid documents or with a document of another person.
- 4. The foreigner shall be obliged to be served with its personal name that is marked in any of the documents provided in the paragraph 1 of this Article.

# Article 74 Identify Cards for foreigners

- 1. Identity card for foreigner shall be issued to the foreigner above age of sixteen (16), to whom it is permitted the permanent stay or temporary stay in the Republic of Kosovo.
- 2. Identity cards from the paragraph 1 of this Article shall be issued by the relevant ministry.

# Article 75 Validity of Identity Card

1. An identity card for the foreigner to whom is issued temporary stay shall be issued in accordance with the time limit of its temporary stay.

2. The identity card for the foreigner to whom is issued the permanent stay shall be issued in a validity term of five (5) years.

#### Article 76 Change of identity card

- 1. The foreigner shall be obliged to change the identity card of foreigners in cases of:
  - 1.1. change of data in Identity card, when it is damaged or outdated in that extent that cannot verify its identity;
  - 1.2. when the photography in the identity card can not show his real appearance.
- 2. The foreigner shall be obliged that in a term of eight (8) days of the submission of causes from paragraph 1 of this Article, to submit the application to the relevant ministry for changing the identity card for foreigners.

### Article 77 Return of identity card of the foreigner

- 1. The foreigner shall be obliged to return the identity card in the relevant ministry if:
  - 1.1. changes the residence of the foreigner;
  - 1.2. it is revoked the stay, in compliance with Article 49 and 54 of this Law;
  - 1.3. acquires the citizenship of the Republic of Kosovo.

### Article 78 Loss of identity document

- 1. The foreigner shall be obliged to immediately notify the nearest police station about the theft or loss of the document as stipulated in article 74 of this law.
- 2. Police shall be obliged to issue verification on the circumstances of loss or theft of the document from the paragraph 1 of this article.
- 3. The foreigner who has lost the travel document of the Republic of Kosovo, or in another way has remained without document or identity card for foreigners outside the Republic of Kosovo, shall be obliged to immediately inform the nearest diplomatic mission, respectively the consular office of the Republic of Kosovo.

### Article 79 Retention of document

- 1. Police shall temporary retain the document of the foreigner if:
  - 1.1.it is necessary for the verification of the identity of the foreigner;
  - 1.2.exist suspicion that has committed criminal offence or the retention of the document it is made by a decision of the competent court;
  - 1.3.has not filled the judicial property obligation according to the request of the competent court;
  - 1.4.is this is required for causes to protect constitutional order, national security or public health.
- 2. Document from the paragraph 1 of this article shall be retained until there exist reasons for its retention.
- 3. For temporary retention of the document shall be issued verification from Police.
- 4. The foreigner shall be entitled to appeal against the decision for temporary retention of the document and appeal shall be decided by the court with territorial competence.

### CHAPTER IX DWELLING AND RESIDENCE

#### Article 80 Residence

- 1. Dwelling shall be the place where the foreigner is accommodated for temporary stay.
- 2. Residence shall be the place where the foreigner is accommodated with the permanent stay permit.

### Article 81 Change of address

1. The foreigner with temporary stay in the Republic of Kosovo shall be obliged to report the address and the change of address to the competent body in a time limit of three (3) days after entry in the territory of Republic of Kosovo, respectively since the day of changing the dwelling address.

- 2. The foreigner with permanent stay in Kosovo shall be obliged to report the dwelling and change of address of the dwelling to the competent body in a time limit of eight (8) days since the date of change of the dwelling address.
- 3. The foreigner from paragraph 1 and 2 of this Article shall be obliged to de register the dwelling respectively the residence before leaving from the Republic of Kosovo.

### Article 82 Reporting of dwelling

- 1. Health institutions of health employees of the private practice, who accept foreigners for healing, shall be obliged to notify the competent body within twenty-four (24) hours from the day of his admission.
- 2. Physical and judicial entities who provide accommodation for foreigners, but also persons to whom come foreigners for visits in the Republic of Kosovo, shall be obliged to notify the competent body about the admission of the foreigners within twelve (12) hours from the admission of the foreigner.
- 3. The foreigner who does not use the accommodation from the paragraph 2 of this Article, shall be obliged that within twenty-four (24) hours to notify the dwelling to the competent body.
- 4. Accommodation provider as stipulated in paragraph 2 and 3 of this Article shall notify the competent body on the admission of the foreigner.
- 5. Accommodation provider shall notify the competent body within twelve (12) hours about the dwelling of the foreigner.
- 6. Provisions from paragraph 1 until 4 of this Article dealing with foreigners who stay in the Republic of Kosovo until ninety (90) days.

### Article 83 Evidence of foreigners

- 1. Physical and judicial entities that provide accommodation for foreigners shall be obliged to keep the evidenced on the foreigners accommodated.
- 2. Entities referred to paragraph 1 of this article shall be obliged to maintain the evidence on foreigners at least three (3) years from the day of its closure.
- 3. Entities referred to in paragraph 1 of this article shall be obliged that upon official request of the authorized official of competent body, to give in written data from the evidence of foreigners.

### CHAPTER X MOVEMENT OF FOREIGNERS WITH UNIFORMS

# Article 84 Movement on foreign military uniform

- 1. During the time of stay of the foreigner in the Republic of Kosovo, may move wearing foreign military uniform in public if:
  - 1.1. stays in the Republic of Kosovo as a member of diplomatic mission, consular office of the foreign state or any other foreign mission, that is entitled to diplomatic status in the Republic of Kosovo in the quality of a counselor or military representative.
  - 1.2.is a member of the military mission of foreign military delegation in the Republic of Kosovo in a official visit;
  - 1.3.is attending educative program in school or in a military institution;
  - 1.4.is passing transit in the Republic of Kosovo as a member of a foreign military mission or delegation with official or diplomatic passport;
  - 1.5.is attendee in military exercises or training.
- 2. Ministry of Internal Affairs in compliance with the relevant Ministry shall permit wearing of foreign military uniform for the foreigners during the time of stay in the Republic of Kosovo.

# Article 85 Movement by wearing foreign police or customs uniform

- 1. The foreigner may wear the foreign police or customs uniform if:
  - 1.1. is member of a foreign police or customs delegation who stays in a official visit in the Republic of Kosovo;
  - 1.2. performs the service in the joint control of the state border crossing in the part of the border that belongs to the Republic of Kosovo;
  - 1.3. is attending educative program in school or police institution;
  - 1.4. is passing transit in the Republic of Kosovo as a member of foreign police, customs mission or a delegation with official or diplomatic passport.

#### CHAPTER XI SUPERVISION AND EVIDENCES

### Article 86 Supervision and inspection of this law

- 1. Supervision on implementation of this law shall make the relevant ministry.
- 2. Supervision and inspection on implementation of this law for the part related to the work of foreigners in Kosovo shall make the relevant competent body.

### Article 87 Storage of personal data

- 1. All personal data collected and issued documents during the implementation of this law shall be kept, stored and evidenced in the record of responsible bodies.
- 2. Personal data recorded in the evidences referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be maintained, used and processed according to the provision of the legislation into force on the protection of personal data.

# CHAPTER XII PUNITIVE PROVISIONS

#### Article 88

- 1. With a fine of fifty (50) up to one thousand five hundred (1.500)  $\in$  shall be sentenced for misdemeanor the foreigner if:
  - 1.1. illegally passes the state border, according to the article 32 of this law;
  - 1.2. does not depart from the Republic of Kosovo in the time limit assigned by the order for removal, according to the article 57 of this law;
  - 1.3. leaves the Centre without permission or fails to comply with the regulations of dwelling in Centre, according to the article 64 of this law;
  - 1.4. leaves from the dwelling which has been assigned by the relevant ministry or does not report regularly in the nearest police station, according to the article 68 of this law;

- 1.5.gives his document for usage to the other person to be served with, respectively if uses a non valid document or uses the foreign document, as stipulated in paragraph 3 of Article 73 of this Law;
- 1.6.is served with the personal name in contrary to the provisions of paragraph 4 of Article 73 of this Law;
- 2. Unless above-mentioned cases to the foreigner shall also imposed the deportation measure.

#### Article 89

- 1. With a fine of fifty (50) up to one thousand (1.000) Euro shall be sentenced the foreigner if:
  - 1.1. illegally stays in the Republic of Kosovo, according to paragraph 1 of Article 56 of this Law;
  - 1.2. does not posses the travel document according to the Article 5 of this law;
  - 1.3. movement outside the determined zone, according to paragraph 2 of Article 6 of this Law;
  - 1.4. refuses to submit for identification to the official person of the competent body the permission with which argues the legal stay in Kosovo, according to paragraph 2 of Article 73 of this Law; or
  - 1.5. stays in Kosovo in contrary with the purpose stated to be granted the visa or stay permit, according to article 35 of this Law.
- 2. Except the abovementioned cases, to the foreigner may be imposed the deportation measure.

#### Article 90

- 1. With a fine of fifty (50) up to five hundred (500) €shall be sentenced the foreigner if:
  - 1.1.does not posses or argues the identification document in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 73 of this Law;
  - 1.2.in the regular time limit does not submit the application for changing the identity card for foreigners, paragraph 2 of Article 76 of this Law;
  - 1.3.does not return the identity card, according to Article 77 of this Law;

- 1.4.does not report the loss, disappearance or theft of the document according to article 78 of this Law;
- 1.5.does not act in compliance with requirements for dwelling, according to article 82 of this law;
- 1.6.does not act in compliance with provisions for changing the address, according to article 81 of this law;
- 1.7. wears foreign military, police or customs uniform in contrary to provisions of article 84 and 85 of this law

#### Article 91

- 1. With a fine of one thousand two hundred (1.200) up to six thousand (6.000) Euro shall be sentenced the legal entity, while with a fine of two hundred (200) up to two thousand (2.000) Euro shall be sentence the physical entity if violates provision of Article 26 of this law:
- 2. Legal or physical entity, from paragraph 1 of this Law, shall also be detained or restricted in exercising business activity in the Republic of Kosovo.

#### Article 92

- 1. With a fine of four hundred (400) up to four thousand (4000) Euro shall be sentenced the legal entity, while with a fine of one hundred fifty (150) up to two hundred (200) Euro the physical entity if:
  - 1.1.does not notify the competent organ of the admission of foreigners to whom provides accommodation services, or which accepts for visit, paragraph 4 of Article 82 of this Law;
  - 1.2.does not notify the competent organ on admission or treatment of foreigners, according to paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 82 of this Law;
  - 1.3.does not keep duly the evidence for foreigners to whom have provided services or does not notify the relevant ministry according to the time limit for services provided to foreigners, according to paragraphs 1 and 3 of Article 83 of this Law;
  - 1.4.offical person of the relevant ministry does not allow access in the evidence documents for foreigners to whom provides accommodation services, paragraph 3 of Article 83 of this Law:

2. For misdemeanor according to sub-paragraphs 1.1., 1.2., 1.3., and 1.4 of paragraph 1 of this Article may be imposed the protective detention measure for commissioning of the activity of the legal entity.

### CHAPTER XIII TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

### Article 93 Circumstances for entry and stay

- 1. On case of decision for entry or stay of the foreigner, the decision making bodies shall have into consideration the following circumstances:
  - 1.1. severity or type of act commissioned against the public security and order by the foreigner or by his family members, or the risk that arises from the person concerned;
  - 1.2.relations and solidity of family of the person concerned and duration of his stay in the Republic of Kosovo and social, cultural relation and the presence of his family in the state of origin.
- 2. Decision to annul the permanent stay shall not be taken based only in the economic circumstances. On the case of decision for annulling the permanent stay, the bodies shall have regard to:
  - 2.1.duration of his stay in the Republic of Kosovo;
  - 2.2.age of the person concerned;
  - 2.3.possible consequences for the person or his family members;
  - 2.4.links with the Republic of Kosovo and the absence of his links to the state of origin.

#### Article 94 Official notification

If the foreigner does not inform the competent body on changing the address or in the address where he is reported can not be found, the receipt of the decision shall be realized through official announcement and shall be deemed as accepted from the date of its publication.

#### Article 95 Rights of asylum seekers

- 1. Rights of foreigner who seek, or it is reasonable to believe that may seek, any type of protection in Kosovo, shall be defined in accordance with provisions of the Law on Asylum.
- 2. None of the provisions of this law shall be interpreted as derogating from the obligations of the state within the Convention related to the Status of Refugees of year 1951, and Protocol of year 1967 related to the Status of Refugees.

# Article 96 Applicable rules until the approval of new regulations

- 1. Provided not to be in contrary with this law and until the review and approval of sub legal acts by the ministry or proposed by the relevant ministries and approved by the government, administrative instruction as in follow shall be remained into force:
  - 1.1. Administrative Instruction no. 18/2009 MIA on Travel sheet for Foreigners;
  - 1.2. Administrative Instruction no. 01/2010 MIA on Establishing the Review Committee and the Committee of Complaints;
  - 1.3. Administrative Instruction no.02/2010 MIA on Content, Form and Granting mode and Annulment of the Stay Permit;
  - 1.4. Administrative Instruction no. 03/2010 MIA on Prohibition of Entry in the Republic of Kosovo;
  - 1.5. Administrative Instruction no. 19/2010 MIA on Procedures of Registering and de Registering of Dwelling or Residence;
  - 1.6. Administrative Instruction no. 21/2010 MIA on Issuance of Visas in the Border Crossing Points;
  - 1.7. Administrative Instruction no. 22/2010 MIA on Issuance of Travel Documents for Foreigners;
  - 1.8. Administrative Instruction no. 23/2010 MIA on Maintaining and Management of Registers for foreigners;
  - 1.9. Administrative Instruction no. 31/2010 MIA on Identity Card for foreigners.

- 2. As per the proposal of the relevant ministry for Internal Affairs and relevant Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government will adopt this sub-legal act for:
  - 2.1. manner of issuing travel documents and visas for the foreigners at the diplomatic missions respectively at the consular offices of the Republic of Kosovo
  - 2.2. manner of keeping records about issuance of Travel Documents and visas to the foreigners in the diplomatic missions respectively at the consular offices of the republic of Kosovo.
  - 2.3. form and content of the form for issuing visas, a form for special ID cards, and application form for its issuance and the manner of keeping records for issued visas and identification cards and their price.

### Article 97 Repeal

- 1. This law shall repeal:
  - 1.1. Law no 03/L-126 on Foreigners;
  - 1.2. Administrative Instruction no.19/2009 MIA on Punitive Provisions of the Law on Foreigners; and
  - 1.3. Any provision of the legislation that is in contrary to this law that is related to the foreigners.

# Article 98 Time limits for issuance of sub legal acts

Sub legal acts on the implementation of this law shall be issued in a time period of one (1) year since the entry of this Law into force.

### Article 99 Entry into force

the Republic of Kosovo.	fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette of
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