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Law No. 04/L-095

ON DIASPORA AND MIGRATION

Assembly of Republic of Kosovo,

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

Approves:

LAW ON DIASPORA AND MIGRATION

CHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1
Purpose and Scope

1. The purpose of this law is preservation and cultivation of national identity, language, culture and education of the Diaspora members and migration and their relations with institutions of Republic of Kosovo.
2. This law, also, aims to help in organization of the Diaspora in various countries where they live and help, encourage and develop inter-cultural relations between Republic of Kosovo and countries in which the Diaspora is present.

Article 2
Definitions

1. Terms used in this law have the following meanings:

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

1.2. **Government** – Government of Republic of Kosovo;

1.3. **Ministry** – respective Ministry for Diaspora;

1.4. **KCCDM** – Kosovo Cultural Center on Diaspora and Migration, established in countries with interest for Diaspora and the Republic of Kosovo.

CHAPTER II RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES FOR RELATIONS WITH DIASPORA

Article 3 Responsible authorities

Government shall coordinate the realization of interests of members of Diaspora, through relevant ministries and Kosovo Cultural Centers on Diaspora and Migration.

Article 4 Ministry of Diaspora

1. Ministry has the following responsibilities:

1.1. drafts, proposes and implements policies and legislation to promote values of the Diaspora and supervises their implementation;

1.2. assists in promotion, preservation, cultivation of cultural identity, language, and education of members of Diaspora;

1.3. assists in the implementation of educational programs for members of Diaspora drafted by the Ministry responsible for education;

1.4. implements policies in the sphere of culture for the members of Diaspora;

1.5. drafts, implements and coordinates research studies, migratory field programs;

1.6. provides information, coordinates and support investments of Diaspora members in Kosovo;

- 1.7. in cooperation with other relevant institutions shall draft the register of Diaspora;
 - 1.8. in cooperation with other state institutions shall draft and update the register of associations and other forms of organizations of Diaspora members;
 - 1.9. coordinates the KCCDM
 - 1.10. in coordination and cooperation with the KCCDM shall prepare reports for the Government on the situation of the Diaspora and migration;
 - 1.11. prepares, coordinates and supervises the implementation of the Diaspora and migration Strategy;
 - 1.12. cooperates and coordinates activities with other state institutions, municipal, civil society, associations and organizations within and outside Kosovo, to improve the position of the Diaspora and migration;
 - 1.13. with the approval of the Government of Republic of Kosovo, and in cooperation and coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, cooperates and coordinates activities with other state institutions, to improve the position of Diaspora and migration;
 - 1.14. reports annually to the Government on the activity of the Ministry;
 - 1.15. performs other duties assigned to the Ministry with the relevant legislation in force.
2. Structure and organization of the Ministry is regulated by a secondary legislation which approves the Government.

Article 5

The Purpose for Establishment of the Kosovo Cultural Centre for Diaspora and Migration

1. KCCDM established for the purpose of preservation and cultivation of national identity, language, culture and education of the Diaspora members and to strengthen their relations with institutions of Republic of Kosovo.
2. KCCDM established in countries of interest to the Diaspora and the Republic of Kosovo.
3. KCCDM shall be registered as legal entities, non-profit, in accordance with applicable laws of the countries where they live.

Article 6
Responsibilities of KCCDM

1. KCCDM has the following responsibilities:

- 1.1. to promote general knowledge for Kosovo;
- 1.2. to induce and develop knowledge of language, culture and cultural heritage of Kosovo, as defined by this Law and other secondary legislation;
- 1.3. to induce scientific cooperation, technical, technological, economic and sports between Kosovo and members of Diaspora;
- 1.4. shall provide information and instructions on investments in Kosovo, fiscal relief, cultural and educational organizations, meetings with compatriots and leading structures in Kosovo and the respective states where they live, support communication through Diaspora with political structures of respective countries for development of democracy and economy in Kosovo and public awareness campaigns for Kosovo in host countries;
- 1.5. supports and organizes youth and various group ages of Diaspora, cultural, educational and sports, ways and forms of regular and comprehensive information;
- 1.6. through plans and programs shall induce capital investment in the country;
- 1.7. to promote advancement in the field of education, deriving from this law; and
- 1.8. to perform other duties assigned by the government and other legislation in force.

Article 7
Functioning of KCCDM

1. Director of KCCDM shall be elected with public advertisement by the appointed Committee consisting of five (5) members:

- 1.1. one (1) representative from OPM;
- 1.2. two (2) representative from the respective Ministry of Diaspora;
- 1.3. one (1) representative from the respective Ministry of Culture;
- 1.4. one (1) representative from the respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2. The salary of the Director assigned to KCCDM, shall be equal to the salary of the Secretary of the Embassy where the center operates.
3. Structure, organization, functioning and election of the Director of KCCDM shall be regulated by laws proposed by the respective Ministry of Diaspora and approved by the Government.

Article 8 **Financing of KCCDM**

1. Funds and financial support of KCCDM 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 in which the KCCDM operates.

CHAPTER III **PRESERVATION AND CULTIVATION OF THE LANGUAGE IDENTITY,** **CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL IDENTITY IN DIASPORA AND** **MIGRATION**

Article 9 **Support for employment and advancing the official languages of Kosovo**

1. Government of Republic of Kosovo through the respective Ministry of Diaspora, for members of Diaspora, shall assist to create conditions for the preservation and teaching of the official languages of Kosovo and other community languages in which the educational system is developed in Kosovo.
2. Ministry in cooperation with the respective Ministry of Education based on educational program, assists and support the development of teaching process of education employees of official languages of Kosovo and other community languages 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. The Ministry 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 other community languages in which the educational system is developed in Kosovo.

4. Organization of teaching process and the selection of teachers in respective countries where Diaspora lives, shall be regulated by a secondary legislation proposed by the Ministry and approved by Kosovo Government.

5. Ministry for the purpose of accomplishing the teaching process under paragraph 4. of this Article shall coordinate tasks with countries of the region having joint interest in the issue.

6. Ministry, in cooperation with the respective 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 and migration.

7. Ministry in cooperation with the respective 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.

7.3. promotes and takes various measures to encourage additional learning for members of Diaspora

Article 10

Cultural Cooperation and Promotion of Cultural Heritage of Kosovo

1. Ministry, 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.

2. Within the Kosovo Museum shall be established a special section for Diaspora and migration.

Article 11 Information

1. Public Television of Republic of Kosovo shall be obliged to allocate six percent (6%) to nine percent (9%) of the monthly program scheme of programs for Diaspora and migration of Republic of Kosovo.
2. Government 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 rationally of their activities.

Article 12 Science and Economy

1. Ministry 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. Ministry shall support cooperation of Kosovo scientists' members of Diaspora and migration who live abroad and strengthen cooperation in national research institutions.

Article 13 Annual price of Diaspora and Migration

1. Ministry of Diaspora shall establish the annual Diaspora and migration price for the most successful group or member of Diaspora during the year.
2. Criteria and the way of sharing the price shall be regulated by sub-legal act issued by the Ministry of Diaspora.

Article 14 Diaspora's and Migration's Day

1. Diaspora's and migration day is 2 August.
2. Government of Kosovo with special manifestation shall celebrate the Diaspora's and Migration's day.

CHAPTER IV TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 15 Strategy for Diaspora and Migration

Government of Republic of Kosovo, within one (1) year from entry into force of this law, shall approve the Strategic plan for Diaspora and migration, drafted and proposed by the Ministry.

Article 16 Establishment of KCCDM

1. Depending on budget availability, the Government of Kosovo upon the proposal of the Ministry's decision to separate, shall decide to establish KCCDM, in countries of interest for the Diaspora and migration and the Republic of Kosovo.

2. Institutions affected by this law, according to budgetary possibilities allowed by the Law on Annual Budget shall meet their obligations.

Article 17 Secondary legislation

Government, for implementation of this law shall approve secondary legislations, within six (6) months from its entry into force.

Article 18 Kosovo Diaspora Agency

Upon entry into force of this law Kosovo Diaspora Agency, civil servant and the budget of the Agency and other assets shall be transferred to the Ministry of Kosovo Diaspora.

Article 19 Abrogation

Upon entry into force of this Law, shall be abrogated the Law no. 03/L-171 on Diaspora of Kosovo published in the Official Gazette No. 69 (20 May 2010).

Article 20
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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