

## **Memorandum of Cooperation between the Parliament of the Republic of Albania and Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo**

Based on relations between Albania and Kosovo, and common vision, interests and goals;

Based on the will to strengthen the cooperation between the Parliament of the Republic of Albania and the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo;

Based on political developments that Albania and Kosovo are going through, and the undertaken institutional reforms;

Taking under consideration regional and wider economic developments;

Estimating the importance of the mutual international support for participation in regional initiatives and international organizations, such as: Parliamentary Assembly of the South East European Cooperation Process (SEECP PA), Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (CoE PA), Parliamentary Assembly of OSCE (OSCE PA), NATO Parliamentary Assembly (NATO PA), European Parliament, Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for Mediterranean, Inter-Parliamentary Union, Parliamentary Dimension of the Central European Initiative, Parliamentary Assembly of Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Parliamentary Assembly of La Francophonie, and other organizations presenting a common interest in representation;

Valuing the necessary cooperation for European Integration of Albania and Kosovo, and the mutual support in all stages of the integration process;

Based on the common will to expand and intensify relations between the Parliament of the Republic of Albania and the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo;

We agree on signing this memorandum of cooperation.

### **Article 1**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this memorandum of cooperation is the establishment of a common framework of cooperation and support between the Parliament of the Republic of Albania and the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo;

### **Article 2**

#### **Objectives**

The memorandum of cooperation, in question, aims to increase the quality of parliamentary activities in line with the best European practices, to strengthen the cooperation between the two

assemblies on issues related to the EU integration processes, representation in international organizations, and other matters of common interest.

### **Article 3**

#### **Scope of cooperation**

Parliament of the Republic of Albania and Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo shall cooperate on issues of common strategic interest.

The cooperation between two assemblies shall focus on the following areas:

Cooperation on legislative process for approximation of legislation of both countries, and of each country, with the legislation of European Union.

Periodic organization of the Chairmen roundtable of the parliamentary committees, where the agenda and actions between the parliamentary committees shall be coordinated on matters of common interest such as: European integration, approximation of legislation in the field of economy, public finances, investments, commercial exchanges, security, defense, education, scientific research, culture, media, health and social protection, cooperation with the diaspora, support of productive activities and private enterprises, public administration, agriculture and rural development, environment and sustainable development, infrastructure and transport, energy, local governance, and so forth.

Organization of joint roundtables between parliamentary committees for consultations on issues of mutual interest, according to areas of responsibility. For this purpose, the heads of the respective committees, at the beginning of each year, shall determine the calendar of the activities of cooperation.

Support in the field of parliamentary diplomacy, cooperation and coordination of the standing delegations of the two assemblies in and during representation/participation in international organizations, regional and wider initiatives.

Consultations between the chairmen and secretaries of the standing parliamentary delegations in regional and international organizations remain a priority, as well as the coordination of positions with a lobbying interest for new recognitions of the Republic of Kosovo.

The exchange of experiences, best practices and information at the political level and at the level of experts, with the aim of developing and improving the work of both institutions.

The two assemblies shall cooperate in exchanging experiences in the field of parliamentary oversight and control.



#### **Article 4**

##### **Cooperation between parliamentary services**

The general secretaries of the two assemblies commit to:

Prepare the calendar of joint activities between the two parliamentary services at the beginning of each year as well as the administrative, financial and technical support of this memorandum.

Support the exchange of best practices at expert level.

Support the exchange of experiences in the field of civic education and public relations, including joint meetings and activities aimed at informing and educating the public on parliamentary activity and transparency, cooperation with civil society organizations, interest groups and citizens.

For this purpose, the services of the Assembly of Albania are committed to providing the necessary assistance for strengthening the administrative capacities and providing experience related to the increase of the transparency in the use of public funds, to increase the capacity of broadcasting, for the public, of the activities of the Assembly of Kosovo, as : parliamentary committee meetings, plenary sessions, public hearings and the participation of the civil society, parliamentary publications, and so forth.

#### **Article 5**

##### **Implementation follow-up**

Within one month, from the day of signing this memorandum, the Speakers of the Assemblies, shall assign one member of their political cabinets to follow-up the progress of the MoU implementation, and shall periodically inform the speakers.

#### **Article 6**

##### **Financial costs**

The financial costs for the implementation of this memorandum are subject to the legislation in force in the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Kosovo. The assemblies agree that the financial expenses for the implementation of this memorandum to be covered by them.

#### **Article 7**

##### **Entry into force**

The memorandum shall enter into force on the day signed by the Speakers of the Assemblies.

Signed in Tirana, on 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2022, in four copies.

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of the Republic of Albania

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