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Reaction of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council for the case of Blakaj

The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council has expressed concern over developments following the resignation of Prosecutor Blakaj and public discussions on the work of the prosecutorial system and its organs.

The Council has a constitutional and legal obligation to ensure that the State Prosecutor acts as independent and impartial, respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms and guaranteeing equality for all citizens of Kosovo, including those suspected of criminal offenses.

The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council is implementing this constitutional guarantee in accordance with its mission and objectives. The tendency to stain the work of the Prosecutorial Council and its organs, as well as attempts to devalue the work of the State Prosecutor from anyone, including political groups, are unacceptable and we call it an interference in our work and a violation of the independence guaranteed by Constitution and law.

We assure the public that the Council has created the infrastructure and resources needed for proper work of prosecutors in pursuance of their mandate in the uncompromising fight against all forms of crime. Also, the Council will not allow any kind of compromise, by anyone and in any case, for any prosecutor, regardless of his position in the prosecutorial system, in case of violations and failure to perform the work as required by law.

The tendency for management bodies meetings with prosecutors to appear before the public as impacts on certain cases are completely unfounded, intentional and tendency to diminish the image and positive work of the Council and the State Prosecutor.

The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council guarantees the citizens of Kosovo that they will continue their work to create an environment in which law and order rule.



Regular meeting of KPC Secretariat Director with organizational unit leaders

Director of the Secretariat of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Mr. Lavdim Krasniqi, held a regular meeting with the leaders of organizational units of the KPC, discussing the dynamics of the implementation of the planned projects.

At the meeting, Mr. Krasniqi has discussed with the leaders of the organizational units of the KPC on preparations for budget hearings, implementation of the personnel plan, implementation of projects in the field of information technology, archives, general services and other issues of relevant prosecutorial scope.

The head of KPC Secretariat Mr. Lavdim Krasniqi, has requested from the leaders of the organizational units that, following current and future processes, make a necessary planning review and analysis in order to continue providing efficient and effective services and at the same time to have advancements service delivery in Kosovo's prosecutorial system.



The meeting of the Group for the drafting of the Code of Ethics for Prosecutors is held

The group for the drafting of the Code of Ethics for Prosecutors following the work left over from the last session, which was conducted in mid-August, held another meeting to finalize the draft prepared by local prosecutors and professionals and Dutch experts.

In support of the implementation of this code, a special guide will be drafted, while this important process is being supported by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Kosovo, through a group of prosecutors and experts from this country, as well as prosecutors and professionals of the Democratic Institute of Kosovo (DIK) and the Levizja "Fol", who are partners in this project

The Code of Ethics defines the ethical behavior of prosecutors in the exercise of official duty, which in the coming days the final draft will be proceeded for review to the Commission on Normative Issues, and then for approval to the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council.



A regular meeting of the Committee on Normative Issues was held

The Committee on Normative Issues of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, led by its Chairperson, Bahri Hyseni, held a regular meeting in which he discussed different issues from his field of activity.

Chairperson Hyseni has emphasized that the Committee on Normative Issues is acting with extra professional care on implementing the Work Plan for 2018. "The whole activity is being implemented strictly and in accordance with the agendas foreseen for the design, completion and changing the sub-legal acts of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council", said Mr. Hyseni.

The acts that were decided to be supplemented and amended were: *Regulation on the Organization and Functioning of the State Prosecutor, the Regulation on the Transfer and Advancement of Prosecutors, the Regulation on Public Communication and the Regulation on Case Allocation*, whereby it was deemed necessary to have priority in the work process, and for the purpose of concrete realization are determined the relevant officials and it was decided that in the working meetings to be also the international partners, who support the KPC.

Also, the Director of KPC Secretariat Mr. Lavdim Krasniqi, informed the members of the Commission on Normative Issues that the Office of Public Communication of KPCS has drafted a Guide for Public Communication Officers, which will be proceeded for review.

In the continuation of the meeting were discussed also the payment of mediators and contested cases, in which the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council is presented as a respondent party.

The meeting was attended by partners from the US Embassy and EULEX.

Activities of the KPC Secretariat

In the outline of the activities, the KPC Secretariat has continued the intense activity of administering and creating effective and efficient parameters of the prosecutorial system, especially by engaging in the process of functional justice review, then doing concrete management actions and professional for drafting the Code of Ethics for Prosecutors, where two meetings were held to finalize the draft work done by local prosecutors and professionals and Dutch experts, as well as holding ongoing strategic consultations with international partners to discuss the support plan of Kosovo prosecutorial system.

In the internal management plan, the Director of the Secretariat of Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Mr. Lavdim Krasniqi, held regular meetings with the heads of departments, where he discussed the dynamics of the execution of the works within their responsibilities and support for all Prosecutions. In these meetings, 2018 and 2019 budget needs were discussed, including general challenges, implementation of the recruitment plan and projects related to the functioning of the Case Management Information System (SMIL). In this context, department heads were asked to follow the dynamics of implementation of the work plan and provision of necessary services to the Council, its committees and the State Prosecutor, as well as make preparations for budget hearings, implementation of personnel plan , the implementation of projects in the field of information technology, archives, general services and other relevant areas of activity, so that following the present and future processes will have the necessary planning analysis and continue providing efficient and effective services and, at the same time, to have advancements in the provision of services in the prosecutorial system of Kosovo.

In another important area - that of European integrations, the conclusions of the Subcommittee of Justice, Freedom and Security of the EU have been confirmed, whereas a questionnaire was sent to the Appellate Prosecution for completion by prosecutors and staff in relation to Chapter 8 of the SAA: "Competition and State Aid Policies in the framework of the Twinning Project". A meeting was also held with representatives of MEI and the EU Office for KPC Proposals for IPA 2019 on building a building for the Basic Prosecution of Mitrovica, as well as in the Basic Prosecution in Gjilan has been assigned the responsible person, which will present the cases of private bailiffs reported to the prosecution during the EU's assessment mission in September 2018.

The Office for Public Communication, in the framework of the implementation of the Work Plan of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council for 2018 for the drafting of internal procedures for public communication, has completed the drafting of the Guideline for public communication officers, and after the completion of professional consultations will be proceeded for approval to the Committee on Normative Issues and then to the Council. The guide contains the standards and criteria that complement the theoretical and practical meanings that are prepared and coordinated, followed and evaluated in full harmony, with the full respect of the communication procedures as a guarantee for the presentation of public information in the prosecutorial system.

Meanwhile, during August, the Office of Public Communication of the KPC Secretariat has conducted a one-day informative workshop in cooperation with the Office of Public Communication within the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor with the spokespersons and new

officials of the Basic Prosecution Offices. The Internal Audit Unit following the fulfillment of its duties during August initiated a regular audit of the General Services Division and has also compiled the main objectives for this division

Meanwhile, from the reports of the Department of Human Resources, Procurement and Administration emerges that one (1) Legal Officer in the Basic Prosecution in Gjakova, six (6) drivers in the prosecution, including the Secretariat and one (1) Submitter in the Basic Prosecution in Prizren has started to work. Translation and Lecture Office has done a voluminous work, translating 239 pages of documents and materials from Albanian into Serbian and vice versa for Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Office of Chief State Prosecutor, and Special Prosecution Office of Republic of Kosovo. The Office for Administration and Archiving of Documents, following the fulfillment of duties, has also received, filed, recorded and archived documents during August, in a total of 826 actions in the administrative-technical processing of acts and cases; submitting the respective acts respectively the cases to further proceeding; receipt and delivery of mail, distribution of cases and acts; preservation of official documents, classification in archive files; coordination and planning of works as well as cooperation with other organizational units of KPCS.

The Department of Information Technology has started the training of basic prosecution staff for the use of the Case Management Information System (SMIL), specifically in the Basic Prosecution Offices of Peja, Gjilan, Ferizaj, Gjakova and Prizren. The training was initially focused on the staff of the registry office of the Prosecution and after their training, will continue with prosecutors, divided by departments. The training is being held in the offices of the prosecution staff by the ICT / SMIL project trainers, and after the completion of the training, SMIL is planned to be implemented, where all the cases received in the prosecution offices are scanned and entered into the system. Also, all actions of the prosecutors within the subject will be recorded in the system and as a result, we will have a digitization of work in prosecutors of the Republic of Kosovo. It is worth mentioning that SMIL is foreseen to make interconnections or exchange of data electronically with other systems such as civil registry, business register and court system.

The Procurement Office has developed a total of three procurement procedures and has signed 4 contracts and has processed the purchase orders for all invoices, which have been continuously received by the contractors.

Activities of the Unit for the Prosecution Performance Review

The Office for Analysis, Evaluation and Verification has drafted the Five Year Comparison Report for Characteristic Criminal Offenses and Comparative Report for the Quarterly Period with the number of cases received and solved for 12 criminal offenses and is engaged in the performance appraisal process for 12 prosecutors with initial mandate.

The Statistics Office has compiled statistical reports on the work of prosecutors and reports on European integration for the second quarter and first semester. The reports are reflected in the

registers and prosecutions. It has also prepared data on the criminal offenses of terrorism, corruption and economic crimes. The data on cases prescribed for 2016, 2017 and 2018 and has confirmed the data on criminal offenses of tracking mechanism by prosecutors.

The Training Office has produced a semester report on the participation of prosecutors in trainings, conferences, roundtables, seminars and workshops.