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Reaction of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council and the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor

Pristina, April 3 2019- The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC) and the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor (OCSP) are concerned with the act of offending, threatening and attacking Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Ferizaj, Valdet Avdiu, which occurred after the court hearing in the premises of the Basic Court in Ferizaj, which is related to his official work. For KPC and the OCSP, such acts to prosecutors are unacceptable and they are taken very seriously. KPC and OCSP stand firmly to prosecutors, support them in their daily work and encourage them to fulfill their mission.

Therefore, anyone who thinks that with such acts will tend to influence state prosecutors to retreat from the prosecution of perpetrators are wrong, because prosecutors will continue their work for which they have sworn and to which is mandated by the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of Kosovo.

The KPC and the OCSP assure the public that this issue is being dealt seriously and with the right level of urgency that this situation deserves.



Clarification regarding the article dated 3 April 2019 in the newspaper "Koha Ditore" titled "KPC avoids Britons from the competition for the Chief Prosecutor of the Special Prosecutor "

Pristina, April 3, 2019 - Regarding today's article, April 3, 2019, in the newspaper "Koha Ditore", titled: "KPC avoids Britons from the competition for the Chief Prosecutor of the Special Prosecutor ", Kosovo Prosecutorial Council reports that based on the acts regulations in force regarding the functioning of the general activity of the prosecutorial system, all the necessary actions for the regular running of the selection process of the new Chief Prosecutor of the Special Prosecution of the Republic of Kosovo (SPRK) have been undertaken, with 'case we have invited our international partners to participate in the oversight of this process, including the United States Embassy, the United Kingdom Embassy, the UK Government Representatives, the EU, and has been approved BIRN's request in the framework of civil society right for monitoring.

Earlier, in the letter exchange for this process, KPC Chairman, Bahri Hyseni, has consistently invited representatives of the UK Embassy to monitor this process, but who have also requested the evaluation of the candidates by calling on the Memorandum of



Cooperation with the Government of Kosovo, a memorandum that does not include senior appointments in the prosecutorial system.

Concerning these concerns of the UK Embassy, it was discussed at the last KPC meeting held on March 27, 2019, where members of the Council unanimously agreed that British experts would evaluate the candidates and follow the same in the form of a report to the members of the Council. Representatives of the United Kingdom Embassy who participated in this meeting agreed with this position of KPC and requested that the Ambassador be notified in writing, which KPC realized on March 28, 2019.

As a reflection from the KPC meeting, the Evaluation Committee on 29 March 2019 invited international partners including the UK Embassy to participate in the interview process. After which the Embassy addressed the Chairperson Hyseni with a request for recommending the reopening of the vacancy announcement for the appointment of the Head of SPRK with the reasoning that they do not have enough time to prepare for this process.

In response to this request, the KPC Chairman, Bahri Hyseni, has informed that at this stage when the recommendation for reopening of the competition was presented, it is impossible to accomplish due to the legal procedures foreseen for the appointment of the PRSK Chief Prosecutor and again invited the representatives of the Embassy to attend on April 1, 2019, at 9:00, to discuss the drafting of possible questions for candidates and the regular conduct of the interview process.

It is worth mentioning that in the process of appointment of the SPRK Chief Prosecutor participated representatives of the Government of the United Kingdom Project, where they participated in the process of examining the applications of the candidates, on 29 March 2019, while they were absent on the occasion of interviewing the candidates by sending an e-mail in which they said they have an agenda abroad and cannot attend on April 1, 2019.

Finally, the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, as a constitutional and independent institution, expresses its permanent commitment and readiness to cooperate with the United Kingdom Embassy in Kosovo, the Government and the British people, who have always supported us and express our gratitude to any assistance they have provided, along with other international partners.

In this case we express our deep conviction that KPC is genuinely interested in strengthening and advancing mutual relations and of course we remain committed that the process of selecting the SPRK Chief Prosecutor should be professional, impartial, transparent and meritocratic process, a process that is being monitored by representatives of the United States Embassy, representatives of the UK Government, the EU Project, and BIRN representatives.



Roundtable for determining the principles for evaluation of the prosecutor's performance

Pristina, 3d April 2019- The chairperson of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, today participated in the working table on "Determining the Principles for Evaluation of the Performance of Prosecutors in the New Regulation". This round table was organized by the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, while it was supported by the US Embassy in Kosovo.

At the opening of this roundtable, Chairman Hyseni assessed the importance of this roundtable, while encouraging the working group to set criteria for evaluation of the performance of prosecutors, based on objective information sources. Also, the Chairman Hyseni has offered all his support for the work being done by the working group for setting the principles for evaluation of the performance of prosecutors in the New Regulation.

During this roundtable, apart from the main principles for performance evaluation was also discussed about the challenges of the Committee for Evaluation of the Performance of Prosecutors and the Committee proposals to overcome challenges in evaluation of the performance of prosecutors.



In this round table, besides the working group for drafting the new Regulation on the Performance Evaluation of Prosecutors and the US Embassy supporting the roundtable, representatives of the United Kingdom Government Project for the Strengthening of the Judiciary and Prosecutorial System of Kosovo and representatives of the EU Office in Kosovo attended.



KPC Chairman and Chief State Prosecutor visited the Basic Prosecution in Peja and the Basic Prosecution in Gjakova

Pejë-Gjakovë, April 5th 2019 - In the framework of work visits in the country's prosecutions, the Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni and Chief State Prosecutor Aleksander Lumezi, accompanied by the General Director of the Secretariat of KPC, Lavdim Krasniqi, stayed for a working visit to the Basic Prosecution Office in Peja and Gjakova.

The bearers of the prosecutorial system have been informed by the Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Peje, Agim Kurmehaj and the Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Gjakove, Ali Selimaj, on the work, achievements and challenges of these prosecutions in the investigation and prosecution of various criminal.



The Chairperson of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, evaluated the two prosecutions for the achieved results, claiming that the KPC is focused on providing full support and enforcement of the prosecutorial system "Our common goal is to achieve the established institutional objectives and, in this regard, I highly appreciate the work and achievements of each prosecutor, but at the same time I seek efficiency and professionalism in the future," said Head Bahri Hyseni.

Meanwhile, Chief State Prosecutor Aleksandër Lumezi has evaluated the work done so far and the results achieved by both prosecutions, but despite this, has required further engagement and efficiency in dealing with and combating criminal offenses related to corruption, economic crimes and financial crimes as well as the fight against all other criminal activities, as this, in his opinion, will significantly affect the public confidence in the prosecutorial system. Also, Chief Prosecutor Lumezi has requested prosecutors from these prosecutions to have high dedication and integrity in their work, including the need to advance professionalism and accountability when handling different criminal cases.

Finally, KPC Chair and Chief State Prosecutor provided co-operation and support for chief prosecutors, prosecutors, and supporting staff of respective prosecutors to carry out their constitutional and legal duties, and will be committed to meeting the needs of new prosecutors, professional associates and legal officers in these two prosecutors.

Such meetings of the heads of the prosecutorial system will continue in the other prosecutions of the country.



The draft of the Regulation on the Public Communication Service in the Prosecutorial System is discussed

Pristina, April 4th 2019- The Committee for Normative Issues of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council has held its next meeting in which was discussed the draft Regulation on the Public Communication Service in the Prosecutorial System.

This meeting was attended by members of the Committee, General Director of the KPC Secretariat, prosecutors and public communication officers in the prosecutorial system.

This draft regulation, prepared by the working group, which was supplemented and amended, whereas at the end the Committee decided that it should be proposed to the Council for approval at the next meeting.

It is worth mentioning that contribution to the drafting of this draft has been provided by local and international partners.



The Coordination Meeting with Donors is held

Pristina, April 4th 2019- The chairperson of KPC, Bahri Hyseni, held a co-ordination meeting with representatives of embassies in Kosovo, the EU office, various organizations and projects supporting the prosecutorial system, this meeting, in which was discussed the possibilities of supporting objectives for increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of this system.

Initially, the chairperson of the Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, has informed the representatives of international partners for major developments in the prosecutorial system, focusing mainly on the strategic objectives deriving from the Strategic Plan for 2019-2021 and the annual work plans, in which case he highlighted the need for further support from donors, as has been done so far. "The benefit of your experience, expertise and support is irreplaceable because we have had a very positive impact on the dynamics of the work of the Council and the State Prosecutor's Office," said Hyseni.

On the other hand, donor representatives highly praised the initiative of KPC for donor coordination and discussed the projects that they have implemented and are underway,



expressing their readiness to continue supporting the projects through the different projects.

Following this meeting, the Director of the KPC Secretariat Lavdim Krasniqi presented project proposals specifying the specific objectives, expected results, the activities that should be undertaken and the benefits that the prosecutorial system will have from their implementation.

The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council and the State Prosecutor aims to strengthen the criteria, values and the highest standards of work through the implementation of donor support, while the proposed support projects have to do with the digitalization of the work process, the registration of old cases at work, infrastructure, increasing the public confidence in the prosecutorial system, capacity building of Council committees and staff, management of personal files of prosecutors, advancement of physical infrastructure, security system and information technology.



Leaders of the prosecutorial system require concrete commitment to strengthening the rule of law

Prizren- Ferizaj, April 5th 2019- The agenda of the visits of the Chairperson of Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni and Chief State Prosecutor Aleksander Lumezi, continued today in the Basic Prosecution in Prizren and the Basic Prosecution in Ferizaj. The bearers of the prosecutorial system have been informed by the Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Prizren, Admir Shala and the Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution in Ferizaj, Shukri Jashari, on the work, achievements and challenges of these prosecutions in the investigation and prosecution of various criminal offenses in these two regions.

The Chairperson of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, evaluated the two prosecutions for the achieved results, claiming that the KPC is focused on providing full support and enforcement of the prosecutorial system, requiring increased efficiency and accountability, behaviors ethics and integrity of each member of the prosecutorial system.

Meanwhile, Chief State Prosecutor Aleksandër Lumezi has evaluated the work done so far and the results achieved by both prosecutions, but despite this, has required further



engagement and efficiency in dealing with and combating criminal offenses related to corruption, economic crimes and financial crimes as well as the fight against all other criminal activities, as this, in his opinion, will significantly affect the public confidence in the prosecutorial system. Also, Chief Prosecutor Lumezi has requested prosecutors from these prosecutions to have high dedication and integrity in their work, including the need to advance professionalism and accountability when handling different criminal cases.

Among other things, during these meetings, the focus was on strengthening internal communication between chief prosecutors with prosecutors, Chief State Prosecutor and Prosecutorial Council, whereby the two leaders of the prosecutorial system offered cooperation and support for chief prosecutors, prosecutors and supporting staff of the respective prosecution offices to carry out their constitutional and legal duties, and have pledged to be committed to meeting the needs of these prosecution offices.



Reaction of the Prosecutorial Council and State Prosecutor to the statements of MP Selimi in RTK

Pristina, April 6th 2019- The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council and the State Prosecutor consider that the statements of the Deputy, Rexhep Selimi, given in the "Imazh", in RTK



on 5 April 2019 and the language used to the Chief State Prosecutor, the Prosecutorial Council Chairperson and the State Prosecutor's Office, constitute a threatening, unacceptable and extremely tendentious language and are intended to violate the integrity, independence and damage of the image of the Chief State Prosecutor and prosecutorial system in general.

On this occasion, we remind the Deputy Selimi, but also the public opinion that the judicial power is a special power and that the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council and the State Prosecutor are constitutional, unique, independent and impartial institutions built on constitutional and legal principles.

Therefore, such statements are contrary to the separation of powers and constitute direct intervention in the work of the Judiciary, respectively, the State Prosecutor. Within these principles, the Chief State Prosecutor is elected and accountable only to the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, therefore his work, engagement and mandate depend only on the duties and obligations determined by the Constitution and the laws of the country, not the political wills, interest groups, and individuals, whoever they are.

The State Prosecutor and the prosecutorial system strongly supported by international partners are engaging in maximizing the advancement of internal mechanisms that will impact on increasing efficiency in combating various criminal offenses, strengthening the rule of law, significantly affecting public confidence in the prosecutorial system.

Therefore, in this context, a member of the Assembly of Kosovo should be an example of respect for the law enforcement authorities and refrain from such statements that are in opposition to the constitutional and legal principles. Furthermore, the State Prosecutor's Office and Kosovo Prosecutorial Council express great regret for the lack of seriousness statements, which are done intentionally at the time when all prosecutorial mechanisms have been put into concrete actions and commitments on vital issues for strengthening enforcement and rule of law in Kosovo.

So, once again, we strongly emphasize that Kosovo's prosecutorial system consists of professional institutions, established by the Constitution and laws, which are immovable in fulfilling their mission, vision and objectives and are unaffected by any claim, including the last reckless claim, untrue and tendentious of the Deputy Selimi, who has always served forces that have not helped strengthen the rule of law in our country.

In conclusion, we would like to inform the public opinion that the ongoing trends stemming from such political and nonpolitical statements have only one name: Unsuccessful attempt to smear and label the values that represent the application and rule of law in Kosovo.



Leaders of the prosecutorial system require concrete commitment to strengthening the rule of law

Pristina, 8 April 2019 - Head of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, held a meeting with the working group of the Committee on Legislation, Mandates, Immunities, the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and the supervision of the Anti-Corruption Agency for overseeing the implementation of the Law on Prevention of Conflict of interest in the exercise of public function, consisting of its Chairperson, Albulena Haxhiu, and other Members of the Assembly of Kosovo.

Initially, the KPC Chairman, Bahri Hyseni, has notified the members of the working group on the implementation of this law, the setting of contact points and the measures taken by the KPC.

The interlocutors also discussed, following the meeting, on the appropriate ways and opportunities for facilitating mutual cooperation in drafting sub-legal acts related to the Law on Prevention of Conflict of Interest in the exercise of public function.

At the end of the meeting, the Chairperson Hyseni requested from the interlocutors to engage the Kosovo Assembly to harmonize laws that might conflict with the Law on Prevention of Conflict of Interest in the exercise of public function and expressed the



will to discuss in the future for all mutual issues, in particular respecting the independence of the powers in order to co-ordinate the harmonization of actions to strengthen law enforcement.

Chairperson of the Committee on Legislation, Mandates, Immunities, Parliamentary Rules and Supervision of the Anti-Corruption Agency, Albulena Haxhiu as well as other MPs who participated in the meeting agreed to monitor other applicable laws as well as to support the KPC's proposals for laws pertaining to the prosecutorial system and generally with the justice system.



165th KPC meeting is held

Pristina, 10 April 2019 - The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council held its 165th meeting, which was chaired by its Chairman, Bahri Hyseni, whereby a number of items on the agenda were discussed and approved.

Initially, the Chief of State, Alexander Lumezi, presented the work report for 2018 of the State Prosecutor, which includes one year of operational activity work.

Following this meeting the amended and supplemented Regulation No. 03/2019 on the Public Communication Service was adopted today, which defines the ways of providing service, functioning and coordination of public communication in the system, including the recommendation of the Chairperson of the Committee on Normative Affairs.

Also, members of the Council have approved the formation of three working groups, stemming from the Strategic Plan adopted at the previous meeting: Working Group on Monitoring the Implementation of the Strategic Plan of the Prosecutorial System 2019-2021, Working Group on Implementation of Specific Tasks stemming from this plan and



the Working Group on the oversight of the Unit for Combating Corruption and Economic Crimes, these groups consist of three members.

KPC Chair, Bahri Hyseni, has notified members of the KPC that after reaching the retirement age of prosecutor Reshat Millaku will notify the country's president for his release from office.

At the end of the KPC meeting, the Chair of the Evaluation Commission, the prosecutor at the Office of the Chief State Prosecutor, Besim Kelmendi, presented to the members of the Council a Report on Procedures for the Appointment of the Head of the SPRK.



The drafting of regulations on the disciplinary responsibilities of prosecutors and judges is coordinated

Pristina, April 11, 2019 - The working groups of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council and the Kosovo Judicial Council for the drafting of subordinate legal acts, in accordance with the Law on Disciplinary Responsibility of Judges and Prosecutors, held a joint meeting, where they discussed the drafting of regulations relevant to the disciplinary responsibility of prosecutors and judges.

In this meeting, attended by representatives of the US Embassy, EU Office in Kosovo and the USAID Project, discussed about the forms and methods of work, as well as the co-operation of two councils for drafting the regulations of above.



Also, following this meeting, the participants said that the drafting of the disciplinary responsibility of prosecutors and judges is of great importance for the justice system in Kosovo, and after their drafting there will be an accurate determination of accountability, accountability and transparency in the work of prosecutors and judges in Kosovo.

The working groups of the Kosovo Prosecutorial and Judicial Council have been coordinated to continue their work until the final drafting of these regulations.



Coordinated forms of mutual cooperation between Prosecutorial Council and the Embassy of the United Kingdom in Kosovo

Pristina, 12 April 2019 - The Head of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni and United Kingdom Ambassador in Kosovo, Ruari O'Connell, held a joint press conference where they presented forms of mutual cooperation, with particular emphasis on the appointment of the Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution of Pristina.

On this occasion, Kosovo Prosecutorial Council Chairman Bahri Hyseni said that the prosecutorial system is working without interruption to strengthen the rule of law as



one of the most important values for the citizens of the country. "We are very happy to have a partner like the United Kingdom, which through its Embassy in Kosovo has created opportunities for us to work on achieving important strategic goals," said KPC Chairman, Hyseni.

In this context, Chairman Hyseni has stated that we have fully agreed with Ambassador Ruari O'Connell that the UK Embassy project supports the further advancement of prosecutorial recruitment processes, improvement of prosecutorial performance assessment systems, mechanisms to strengthen integrity and transparency, strengthen the services of the Council Secretariat and develop the overall capacity of the prosecutorial system.

On the other hand, Ambassador O'Connell said that it is very important for Kosovo's citizens to believe that their prosecutors have very large tasks and responsibilities to accomplish, so they have to be chosen on the basis of merit and be the people more qualified for the most sensitive positions, without having political impacts and external influences. "The British project has also supported other institutions in Kosovo to ensure fair processes and recruitment, so I am very pleased that in this case the Prosecutorial Council has found the opportunity to support cooperation for providing support for the appointment of Chief Prosecutor of the Basic Prosecution Pristina. I hope that this project will be a good start and a good start to increase citizen confidence in the prosecutorial system," Ambassador Ruari O'Connell said.

Ambassador O'Connell has conveyed a message through present media for Kosovo prosecutors, saying what repeats it often that it is time for Kosovo prosecutors to become heroes of Kosovo because Kosovo is challenged by organized crime and corruption. "The crime affecting Kosovo touches on Great Britain," emphasized Ambassador O'Connell, concluding that encourages all candidates who are qualified for this job, apply, challenge the British project, the Prosecutorial Council, and with proof that they can do the jobs and bring the results that are required by the citizens of Kosovo.

At the end of the presentation to the media, the two organizers of this conference have expressed their readiness to continue the close and sincere cooperation for the implementation of projects funded by the UK Embassy, which will contribute to further advancement the administration of the Council and the State Prosecutor.



The drafts of two regulations are discussed

Pristine, April 17th 2019- The Committee on Normative Issues of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council has held the next meeting, chaired by the Chairperson of this committee, Zejnullah Gashi, where was attended by the General Director of the Secretariat of the Council, Lavdim Krasniqi, representatives of the Embassy of the United States of America and the United Kingdom Embassy.

Among the main points of the agenda for discussion at this meeting were the draft of the Regulation on Amending and Supplementing the Regulation No. 08/2016 on the Appointment of Chief Prosecutors, draft that was completed in harmony with the Constitutional Court Judgment on the Voting Case and the draft of the Regulation on the procedure of mediation of cases by local prosecutions, which derives from the Law on Mediation, which obliged the Prosecutorial Council to draft a special regulation for referral of cases in mediation procedure.



Following the discussions of these two regulations, the Committee on Normative Affairs decided to propose to the Prosecutorial Council their approval at its next meeting.



Chairperson Hyseni presents KPC activities related to the Agenda "Justice 2020"

Pristine, April 17th 2019- The chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council Bahri Hyseni, Minister of Justice, Abelard Tahiri and Chairman of the Kosovo Judicial Council, Skender Çoçaj, have held the third meeting of the Joint Board of the Agenda "Justice 2020", which was attended also by representatives of international institutions.

In this meeting were addressed a number of important issues for the justice system in Kosovo, where it was discussed about the establishment of some new mechanisms and the functioning of several units in the justice system, as well as discussion of the completion of the legal framework , increasing the efficiency, transparency and accountability of the Kosovo justice system.



The Head of the Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, spoke about the activities developed by the KPC, which relate to the Justice 2020 agenda. "The Kosovo Prosecutorial Council has approved the Strategic Plan of the Prosecutorial System 2019-2021, which focuses on improving the efficiency, integrity, accountability and transparency of the prosecutorial system by undertaking specific measures that are detailed in specific objectives and action plan, said Hyseni.

Also, Chairman Hyseni has also spoken about the actions undertaken by KPC for drafting subordinate legal acts related to the implementation of the Law on Disciplinary Responsibility of Judges and Prosecutors and the implementation of the Law on Mediation and by summarizing the work done by Kosovo's prosecutorial system to reduce the number of cases in the prosecution offices and the challenges of this system.

In the end, Chairman Hyseni has added the need to draft a separate law that would regulate the necessary expertise procedures for the justice system.



Dutch support for the prosecutorial system is evaluated

Pristine, 18th April 2019- the Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, hosted a meeting with the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Kosovo, Gerrie Willems, and Regional Coordinator of the Rule of Law Network for Dutch Embassies in the Western Balkans, Dicky Methorst-de Bie, with whom he talked about a variety of topics related to areas of mutual co-operation.

The Chairperson Hyseni informed Ambassador Willems on the concrete commitments of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council to accomplish three main objectives: accountability, professionalism and transparency in the fight against crime, corruption and other negative occurrences in Kosovo. *"We, with the help of the Dutch Embassy and its experts, have drafted some important documents, such as the Code of Ethics for Prosecutors' and Commentary of this Code, which also strongly support the practical application of integrity, dignity, independence, impartiality, transparency and accountability, which in fact has created concrete mechanisms for implementing the principles of justice in Kosovo, so we are very grateful for your support,"* told Hyseni to Willems.

Ambassador Willems conveyed encouraging messages about engagement and implementation of legality in Kosovo, saying it is very important that the Kosovo



prosecutorial system be supported to ensure fair and impartial processes. *"The Kingdom of the Netherlands has found the opportunity to support and cooperate in the future for the realization of the objectives and standards of the prosecutorial system of Kosovo,"* said Willems.

Chairman Hyseni and Ambassador Willems agreed to work together for the realization of various projects, while appreciating the cooperation so far between the two countries.



Reaction of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council

Pristina, 23 April 2019 - Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC) expresses deep indignation on the denigrating, propagating, offending and threatening language of the political subject "Vetevendosje", which has taken a tendency and aims at violating the integrity, independence and image damage of the prosecutorial system.

The Council calls on all actors, in particular, political entities to avoid the spread of such a language, which constitutes direct interference and pressure, and is in violation of the applicable laws and the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo.



The KPC emphasizes that misuse of the free speech is and remains largely outside the democratic right in our country, since the management and institutional control of the State Prosecutor is an inalienable right of the Council, in which case we are informed that we are not affected by political circles and interest groups because the judicial power within which we operate is a special power and that the State Prosecutor is a unique, independent and impartial institution.

The Prosecutorial Council is committed to all its mechanisms to work, protect and advance any value of integrity, dignity and public transparency as well as to fight any tendency for pressure and interference by anyone.

Therefore, the KPC calls upon the State Prosecutor, his work and mission to be out of every agenda of daily politics, because the evaluation of the work of prosecutors is done solely by the Prosecutorial Council and its mechanisms, and does not depend on the will of individuals, entities and groups.



Discussion of prioritization of forensic expertise on the prosecutorial system

Pristine, April 24 2019- The Chairman of Prosecutorial Council (KPC), Bahri Hyseni, met in a meeting with the Chief Executive of the Kosovo Forensics Agency (KFA), Blerim Olluri, on whom he talked about mutual co-operation issues.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the support needed to provide forensic services of high priority and at times faster for cases related to different criminal cases. In this context, the KPC Chairman, Bahri Hyseni, requested from KFA Chief Executive, Blerim Olluri, to give priority to cases of detention on remand and other cases in order to speed up the investigation into different criminal cases.

Among other things, Hyseni and Olluri also discussed the organization of meetings of prosecutorial system officials and those of this agency to coordinate common issues, and stressed the need to recognize the processes and procedures for issuing forensic examinations through organizing the visits of prosecutors to the respective laboratories. Both interlocutors agreed to support the drafting of a special law on regulating the necessary expertise procedures for the justice system, a law that is also posed as an immediate request by the Chairman of the Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, in the third meeting of the Board of Joint Agenda "Justice 2020".



The Kosovo Forensics Agency facilitates the work of institutions to achieve justice, enabling material evidence to be provided after examination for the State Prosecutor, the judiciary, investigators and other law enforcement institutions in Kosovo.



The 166th meeting of the KPC is held

Pristina, April 25, 2019 - Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC) held its 166th meeting, chaired by its Chairman, Bahri Hyseni, where several important issues were reviewed and approved.

Chairman Bahri Hyseni said at the beginning of the meeting that the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council expects important processes whose realization requires increased dynamics, which will be implemented with the help of international partners in order to strengthen and advance the overall system prosecution.

Following the meeting, the Chairperson of the KPC Normative Issue Committee, Zejnullah Gashi, introduced the Regulation No. 05/2019 for Referral in the Proceedings for Mediation cases of Prosecution Offices, which was unanimously approved by KPC members, this regulation was drafted in full accordance with the Law on Mediation, which regulates the alternative ways of mediation for the resolution of criminal and



civil cases by the State Prosecutor and the Judiciary so that cases are resolved faster, have lower cost of expenses and perpetrators not to be included in the evidence of the convicts, respectively, not to be stigmatized.

The Council also approved the announcements for advancement of two positions for prosecutors in the Serious Crimes Department of the Basic Prosecution in Pristina and a position for prosecutors in the Department of Juveniles of the Basic Prosecution in Ferizaj.

Meanwhile, the Director of Prosecution Performance Review Unit, Valon Jupa, has presented the analysis of the caseload of prosecutors in Prosecution Offices of Kosovo, an analysis that will serve the Council in the future to decide on policy in the recruitment process of prosecutors, and the General Director of KPC Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, has submitted a report on the engagement of international experts in the prosecutorial system of Kosovo, which recommends that the engagement of international experts be done through of memorandums of understanding.

On the other hand, the Evaluation Commission Report on the Appointment of the Head of SPRK was presented by Evaluation Commission member Haxhi Dërguti, whereby members of the Council decided to cancel the competition for the appointment of the Chief Prosecutor of the Special Prosecution Office, in this context, the Council has authorized the Commission on Normative Issues to draft a Regulation on the appointment of Chief Prosecutors as soon as possible based on the legal changes and the Constitutional Court judgment.

At the end of the meeting, the Council appointed Prosecutor Afrim Shefkiu as Acting Chief Prosecutor of PRSK.



The work plans and strategic documents of the KPC are evaluated

Pristina, 26 April 2019 - The Chairman of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, together with the Chairperson of the KPC Normative Issues Committee, Zejnullah Gashi, participated in the Workshop on Functional Review of the Rule of Law Sector that was organized by the Ministry of Justice.

The purpose of this workshop was to present and discuss the policy document titled "Raising the efficiency of the judicial and prosecutorial system", a document that deals with improving data collection and analysis, internal work procedures, reporting, improving the skills and challenging issues faced by the justice system in Kosovo.

KPC Chair, Bahri Hyseni, said that the Prosecutorial Council has prepared good work plans and strategic documents that are accessible and in function of achieving the objectives of the prosecutorial system, within which they are expected to provide trainings and other specialized professional assistance to ensure the transfer of the necessary knowledge and managerial skills, which will be made possible in coordination with international donors and partners. "I am glad that the workshops and the strategic plans of the prosecutorial system will be evaluated in this workshop, which we will implement on the road ahead", said chairman Hyseni.



Various recommendations have emerged from this workshop, for which general participants agreed, in particular to take measures to increase staffing capacity in terms of drafting, analysis of reports and statistical data, as well as planning based on analysis of their data and indicators in order to have a genuine advancement of the justice sector in Kosovo.

Among other things, the chairman of the Prosecutorial Council, Bahri Hyseni, stressed at the conclusion of the meeting that the recommendations from the policy document for enhancing the efficiency of the judicial and prosecutorial system will be taken into account for their proper implementation because they reinforce and advance accountability, transparency and professionalism of the justice system in Kosovo.



Secretariat of the KPC

Within the administrative responsibilities and support for the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council, the Office of the Chief Prosecutor and all prosecutions, the General Director of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council Secretariat, Lavdim Krasniqi, has held various meetings with local and international partners in order to strengthen empowering and enhancing the administration of the prosecutorial system to increase efficiency and effectiveness at work.

During this month, the organizational units of the Secretariat and PPRU of KPC have drafted projects based on their needs, which was made for the purpose of presentation to donors for support in their implementation.

The SKPC Legal Office has analyzed and provided legal opinions on all acts drafted by the units of the Secretariat of the Council and supported its committees and other bodies in drafting sub-legal acts and other documents.

The Public Communication Office has followed the activities of the Chairperson of the Council, the General Director of the Secretariat, various commissions and other units of the prosecutorial system, whereby it has presented their work through public information media. Also, this office has met the demands of media and NGOs regarding their interest in getting acquainted with the work, activities and processes developed, which are being developed and are expected to take place in the prosecutorial system.

The Internal Audit Unit during this month is auditing the Division of General Services.

In order to increase the efficiency of the work with the aim of achieving legal objectives and obligations, in April, in the Kosovo prosecutorial system have started working in different positions 11 new staff of administrative staff.

Procurement Division, after conducting all legal procedures, has signed three contracts to support the needs of the prosecutorial system.

The Department of Information Technology in the Basic Prosecution Offices of Pristina, Peja, Gjilan, Ferizaj and Prizren have prepared the juvenile rooms with all the necessary equipment and furniture, which were donated by the American Embassy in Kosovo. They have also set up the helpdesk electronic system for all Kosovo prosecution system staff.



Prosecution Performance Review Unit of the KPC

The Prosecution Performance Review Unit has compiled the analysis of the case load and the number needed for prosecutors for all Prosecutions.

Also, the PPRU has supported the recruitment committee in the recruitment process of prosecutors and has received complaints about this process, the Commission for the implementation of the selection process of the SPRK Chief Prosecutor and the Performance Evaluation Commission in the evaluation process the performance of prosecutors.

Meanwhile, it has prepared reports on criminal cases with adult persons, juveniles and unknown perpetrators, and reports on the Office of the Coordinator for Economic Crimes have been prepared, statistical reports on NGOs: Fol, Çöhu, IKD, Statistical Reports for the Ministry of Integration European and SAA.

Also, the PPRU has monitored the process of harmonizing statistical data between KPC law enforcement agencies and courts for April 2019.