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Law No.03/L-083

ON DISSOLUTION OF THE KOSOVO PROTECTION CORPS

The Assembly of Republic of Kosovo,

Pursuant to Article 65 (1) and Article 154 of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo,

Hereby adopts

LAW ON DISSOLUTION OF THE KOSOVO PROTECTION CORPS

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1
General principles

1.1 The Kosovo Protection Corps (KPC), having accomplished its goals, including the facilitation of Kosovo's post-conflict recovery, shall be dissolved within one year of the conclusion of the transition period.

1.2 A demobilization and resettlement program shall be developed for current eligible members of the KPC.

Article 2
Application of Law

This law shall regulate the dissolution of the KPC with dignity and applies to all members of the KPC at the time when this law is adopted.

CHAPTER II

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 3
Authority over the KPC

Until such dissolution, the IMP, in consultation with the International Civilian Representative and the Government of Kosovo, shall exercise executive authority over the KPC and shall decide on the schedule of its dissolution. This shall initially be conducted through the Office of the KPC Coordinator (OKPCC), which shall cooperate with the IMP on all matters pertaining to the dissolution of the KPC.

Article 4
KPC Mandate

4.1 Subject to the schedule of dissolution determined under Article 3 of this Law, the mandate of the KPC as a civil emergency organization shall continue to include the activities set forth in Section 1 of UNMIK Regulation No. 1999/8, including to:

- a) provide disaster response services;
- b) perform search and rescue;
- c) provide a capacity for humanitarian assistance in isolated areas;
- d) assist in demining; and
- e) contribute to rebuilding infrastructure and communities;

4.2 In order to ensure the provision of such services without disruption, responsibility for them shall be transferred to Kosovo Security Force (KSF) in accordance with the schedule of dissolution determined under Article 3 of this Law. The initial primary tasks of the KSF shall be crisis response, explosive ordnance disposal and civil protection. The maintenance of these key capabilities is essential and will be a central factor in determining the sequencing of KPC dissolution and KSF stand-up.

Article 5
Transfer and Disposal of KPC Assets

5.1 The IMP shall conduct an audit of existing KPC assets.

5.2 The IMP shall plan and oversee the transfer of KPC assets to the KSF.

5.3 The Government of Kosovo, supported as appropriate by the IMP, shall dispose of all KPC assets not required by the KSF.

CHAPTER III

KPC PERSONNEL

Article 6
Options for KPC Personnel

6.1 The KPC as an organization shall be demobilised in accordance with the schedule of dissolution determined under Article 3 of this Law.

6.2 Where appropriate and in accordance with Article 7 of this Law, KPC members shall be able to apply for service in the KSF.

6.3 Subject to applicable requirements, members may be eligible for a KPC pension, a severance package and/or a resettlement programme.

6.4 Following entry into force of this law, members of the KPC who resign from the KPC prior to demobilisation in order to seek alternative employment shall retain the right to receive such benefits as conferred upon other eligible KPC members.

Article 7
KSF Application Procedure

The IMP and the Government of Kosovo shall jointly develop a formal selection procedure for KSF applicants.

Article 8
Pensions

8.1 Where appropriate, the Government of Kosovo shall be responsible for providing pensions for eligible KPC members. Pension arrangements shall be determined by law.

8.2 Members of the 'Pilot Resettlement Scheme' shall be entitled to pensions where eligible under arrangements to be determined by the Government of Kosovo.

Article 9
Severance Package

Eligible individuals shall be entitled to a severance package, which may include severance payments to demobilized KPC personnel.

Article 10
Resettlement Programme

A resettlement programme shall be developed and shall include the provision of counselling and advice; identification and matching of skills with available job opportunities; and access to training and education and small business development opportunities.

CHAPTER IV

PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT

Article 11
Kosovo Assembly Competences

11.1 The Assembly of Kosovo shall have the competence to exercise democratic parliamentary oversight over the KPC until it is dissolved.

11.2 The Parliamentary Committee for Internal Affairs and Security may request the Government of Kosovo and the IMP to provide information about the process of KPC dissolution.

11.3 The Assembly of Kosovo shall exercise its oversight functions without prejudice to the specific mandates of international organizations as provided for by the status settlement and the Constitution.

CHAPTER V

POST DISSOLUTION PROVISIONS

Article 12
KPC Legacy Matters

12.1 The Government of Kosovo shall establish an intra-governmental body to coordinate KPC legacy matters.

12.2 Until the Government of Kosovo assumes full responsibility for legacy issues, the IMP and OKPCC shall continue to assist in this regard.

Article 13
KPC Commemoration

13.1 The contribution of the KPC to post-conflict recovery in Kosovo and the provision of civil emergency services and humanitarian assistance to all communities in Kosovo shall be officially recognized in a manner to be determined by the Government of Kosovo.

13.2 Former KPC members shall have right to retain their uniforms and to wear them on commemorative occasions. There shall be no right to keep weapons unless otherwise authorized.

Article 14
Final Provisions

14.1 This Law shall enter into force on the day of publication in the Official Gazette of Kosovo.

14.2 This Law shall supersede any inconsistent provisions of existing legislation.

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