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COUNTRY COMMITMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KOSOVO IN THE FIELD OF ANTI-CORRUPTION

The following commitments are developed from commitments made as part of the London Anti-Corruption Summit 2016, EU Commission reporting and suggestions from UK government departments.

1) On exposing corruption, the Government of Kosovo commits to:

[Public Private Partnerships]

- Enhancing the information flow between the financial sector and the FIU to provide law enforcement with intelligence needed to detect and disrupt money laundering linked to corruption;
- Ensuring the continuous public private information sharing partnerships to bring together governments, law enforcement, regulators and the financial sector to prevent and combat money laundering linked to corruption;
- Engaging in working together with regional and other countries to exchange information to ensure the most effective response to international money laundering;
- Actively collaborate with and participate in initiatives led by the Egmont network of Financial Intelligence Units.

[Public procurement and Open Contracting]

- Implementing strictly the legal provisions of the Public Procurement Law and its by-laws;
- Improving the implementation of the Auditor General's recommendations;
- Implementing the electronic public procurement system in all public procurement activities and use the electronic procurement system for the publication of standardized public procurement information in order to be accessible to the interested parties as defined in legal provisions of public procurement law;

[Tax]

- Strengthening the professional standards and investigation capabilities of the Kosovo Tax Administration.

[Whistle blowing]

- Enforcing the legislation on the protection of Whistle-blowers for the protection of information received by public and private sector and will encourage citizens and employees to report on corruption cases.

[Beneficial ownership]

- Ensuring competent authorities that carry out investigation to have full and effective access to information on beneficial ownership by providing full, precise and on time information in relation to the beneficial ownership.

2) On punishing the corrupt and supporting those who have suffered from corruption, the Government of Kosovo commits to:

[Enforcement capabilities]

- Ensuring that all Anti-Corruption bodies are fully independent, capable, adequately resourced and receives the full support and cooperation from all branches of government and law enforcement in order to carry out their role.

[Asset Recovery and Asset Return]

- Improving and strengthening the asset and property recovery legislation.

3) On driving out the culture of corruption, wherever it exists, the Government of Kosovo commits to:

[Institutional integrity]

- Implementing legislation relating to the integrity of persons exercising public functions.
- Improving the transparency of political party financing with functioning mechanisms of control and audit systems.
- Improving the legal framework and organisational mechanisms of detecting and preventing conflict of interest in relation to public officials.
- Supporting the initiative for signing the International Treaty on Exchange of Data on Declaration of assets of Public High Officials and Conflict of Interest and will endorse it in accordance with the national and constitutional procedures for the approval of international and regional treaties and conventions;
- Ensuring meritocratic, independent and transparent appointments of staff in the civil service;
- Developing and implementing legislation allowing for the re-evaluation of judges, prosecutors, legal advisors and law enforcement officials;
- Ensuring full implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy and its Action Plan;

- Strengthening the role of the Anti-Corruption Agency through the adoption of amendment of the legal framework, increase of administrative capacity, increase of the budget, with the aim of preventing and combating corruption effectively following the mandate of this Agency;
- Promoting stronger capabilities in the defence and security sectors that are vulnerable to the threat of corruption, through participation in UK-supported Building Integrity Centre.

[Anti-Corruption Education]

- Implementing anti-corruption education and outreach programmes which include engaging organisations in the public and private sectors in talks and dialogues on preventive measures.

[International System]

- Engaging, with the assistance and support of the European Union, so that Kosovo becomes member of international and regional organizations missioned to preventing and combating corruption.