

No. 01/66 Date: 01.03.2022

Pursuant to Article 92, paragraph 4, Article 93, paragraph 4 and Article 55 of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo; Article 4, Article 5, paragraph 2.3, Article 6, paragraph 1, Articles 10 and Article 12 of Law No. 07/L-006 on Preventing and Combating COVID-19 Pandemics in the Territory of the Republic of Kosovo; Article 89 of Law No. 04/L-125 on Health; based on Article 4 of Regulation No. 02/2021 on Areas of Administrative Responsibility of the Office of the Prime Minister and Ministries, and pursuant to Decision of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo No. 01/11 dated 15.03.2020 on the Declaration of Public Health Emergency and in implementation of the recommendations of NIPHK, for the purpose of controlling, preventing and combating the spread of SARS-CoV-2 virus, in accordance with Articles 17 and 19 of the Regulation No. 09/2011 of Rules and Procedure of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, in the meeting held on 01 March 2022, issues the following:

DECISION

For general and specific measures to control, prevent and combat COVID-19 pandemic

A. [Territorial application]

1. This decision shall apply to the entire territory of the Republic of Kosovo.

B. [Entries and exits of foreign citizens to and from the Republic of Kosovo]

- 2. Every person who enters the Republic of Kosovo shall possess one of the following evidence:
 - 2.1. Certificate of full vaccination with two doses or a single-dose of Janssen (J&J) vaccine not exceeding more than 12 months after receiving the last dose;
 - 2.2. Certificate of vaccination with a single dose accompanied with a negative RT-PCR test for COVID-19, not older than 48 hours;
 - 2.3. Evidence that the person has recovered from COVID-19 in the last 90 days (positive RT-PCR test issued in the last 21–90 days);
 - 2.4. Evidence that the person has received the third / booster dose;
 - 2.5. Evidence of negative RT-PCR test for COVID-19, not older than 48 hours.
- 3. The following persons are released from the request to possess any of the evidence according to point 2.1 to 2.5:
 - 3.1. Persons who enter Kosovo through the airport or through land border crossing points and leave Kosovo (transit) within three (3) hours through the airport or land border points, provided that at the entrance they sign the declaration that they will leave Kosovo within three (3) hours and that the exit at the border point shall be different from the border entrance;

- 3.2. Persons working as professional transporters (drivers), provided that they comply with the protocol for international transport for protection against COVID-19;
- 3.3. Citizens of the Republic of Kosovo who have left Kosovo in the last 12 hours;
- 3.4. Foreign citizens who pass through Kosovo through organized transport by bus or regular international line, transit, provided that a declaration is signed that they will leave the territory of Kosovo within five (5) hours;
- 3.5. Foreign diplomats accredited in Kosovo and members of KFOR troops;
- 3.6. Persons under the age of twelve (12) years;
- 3.7. Citizens of the Republic of Kosovo who do not have two doses of vaccine or negative RT-PCR test for COVID-19, administered not earlier than 48 hours, are obliged to respect home quarantine for a period of seven (7) days from the entry into the territory of the Republic of Kosovo;
- 3.8. Persons with medical evidence from the specialist doctor of the respective field that they have contraindications and are exempt from vaccination. Such persons must present a negative RT-PCR test for COVID-19, administered not earlier than 48 hours before departure (for passengers entering by air) or 48 hours before arrival at the border crossing point (for those entering the land road).
- 3.9. Persons from 12 years of age to 16 years of age must have a negative RT-PCR test not older than 48 hours.

C. [Protection and safety at work]

- 4. All employees of public institutions, central and local public enterprises, private businesses, organizations, as well as other entities, must possess one of the following evidence, in order to be allowed to enter the work premises:
 - 4.1. Certificate of vaccination with at least two doses or one dose of Janssen vaccine against COVID-19;
 - 4.2. Persons with medical evidence from a specialist in the relevant field that they have contraindications and are exempt from vaccination, must possess a negative RT-PCR test for COVID 19 not older than one week.
- 5. The highest administrative officer, or equivalent position, of public, private institutions, as well as other entities, is obliged to appoint one or more responsible persons who will control the possession of any of the evidence mentioned in points 4.1 to 4.2.

Ç. [General protection and hygiene measures]

- 6. Public and private institutions and other entities are obliged to keep hand sanitizers and an amount of face masks in accessible places at the entrance of the building and indoors.
- 7. Public and private institutions, as well as other entities are obliged to place visible signs of the rules of conduct for protection from COVID-19 at the entrance of each building, including the sign prohibiting entry to the building without masks, respecting the distance of one (1) meter and promotional signs for vaccination according to the design of the Ministry of Health.
- 8. Officials of public and private institutions and other entities are obliged to carry out disinfection and ventilation of indoor spaces.
- 9. Wearing a mask covering the nose and mouth is mandatory in all cases when indoors.

10. All public and private institutions, as well as other entities are obliged to appoint an employee who will monitor the implementation of the measure defined in point 9 and the possession of evidence according to point 4.1 and 4.2.

D. [Education institutions]

- 11. The learning and teaching process in pre-school and daycare institutions shall take place according to the recommendations for pre-school institutions of NIPHK dated 20.01.2022.
- 12. The learning and teaching process in all pre-university education institutions of all levels, as well as in daycare centres shall take place in accordance with the MEST Guidelines for the organization of the educational process in the conditions of the Covid-19 pandemic. The task forces of the educational institutions decide on the application of scenarios for the organization of the teaching process, depending on the situation in the institution and in the classrooms.
- 13. The teaching process in public and private institutions of higher education, as well as in vocational and non-formal education institutions, can take place with physical presence provided that groups over 50 people are accommodated in no more than 50% of the space.
- 14. Students must possess any of the evidence mentioned in point 4.1 or 4.2 in order to be allowed registration to the dormitory.
- 15. Students in public and private university institutions must possess any of the evidence mentioned in point 4.1 or 4.2, in order to be allowed to enter the building of the institution.
- 16. Staff in all public and private institutions of all levels of education, including preschool and daycare institutions, must possess any of the evidence mentioned in point 4.1 or 4.2, in order to be allowed to enter the institution building.
- 17. The highest administrative officer, or equivalent position, of each institution according to points 14, 15 and 16, is obliged by decision to appoint one or more responsible persons who will control the possession of any of the evidence mentioned in point 4.1 or 4.2.

E. [Showing up for social and pension schemes]

18. The Ministry of Finance, Labour and Transfers is instructed to exempt all beneficiaries of social and pension schemes managed by the MFLT from regularly showing up to the relevant offices for recording purposes, as required by relevant laws.

F. [<u>Restriction of public and private gatherings</u>]

- 19. Unless otherwise specified in this Decision, indoor gatherings of up to 50% of capacities (workshops, meetings, seminars, trainings or other gatherings) are allowed. Except those under the age of 12, participants are obliged to possess any of the evidence mentioned in points 19.1 to 19.4 in order to be allowed to enter these premises, and the organizer is obliged to provide a physical distance of one (1) meter between persons and check the relevant evidence, such as:
 - 19.1. Certificate of vaccination with at least two doses or one dose of Janssen vaccine against COVID-19;

- 19.2. Persons with medical evidence issued by the specialist doctor of the respective field verifying that they have contraindications and are exempt from vaccination must present the negative RT-PCR test for COVID-19, which should not be older than 48 hours;
- 19.3. Single dose vaccination certificate, not older than one (1) month;
- 19.4. Evidence that the person has recovered from COVID-19 in the last 90 days (positive RT-PCR test issued in the last 21–90 days).
- 20. Meetings of the Assembly and Government are allowed regardless of the number of persons, respecting the wearing of masks and maintaining the physical distance of 1 (one) meter between persons.
- 21. The Emergency Operational Centre of the Ministry of Health may issue a special permit, exceeding 50% of capacities, for events of special importance in the function of public interest.
- 22. Outdoor gatherings and cultural events are allowed. The organizer is obliged to ensure the observation of measures, including the maintenance of a physical distance of 1 meter between persons and the presentation of evidence recorded in points 19.1 to 19.4, except participants under the age of 12, as well as the wearing of masks.
- 23. Religious ceremonies and rites are allowed to carry out their activity up to 50% of the utilizing capacity, provided that they possess any of the evidence according to points 19.1 to 19.4 in order to be allowed to enter the indoor spaces, in accordance with the relevant instruction, except participants under the age of 12.

G. [Activities and other organizations]

- 24. Starting from 7 March 2022, the activity of night clubs as well as the organization of festivals, concerts, excursions, pilgrimages, weddings, engagements, family and social parties is allowed with up to 50% of capacities throughout the territory of the Republic of Kosovo.
- 25. The entity managing the activity is obliged to appoint one or more responsible persons who will be staying at each entrance of the building and control the possession of any of the evidences mentioned in point 19.1 to 19.4.

Gj. [Gastronomy]

- 26. Gastronomy services are allowed to carry out their activity. Clients and staff of the gastronomy must possess one of the evidences according to points 19.1 to 19.4 in order to be allowed to enter the indoor spaces of the premises, in accordance with the relevant instruction, except persons under the age of 12.
- 27. In the gastronomy premises, it is obligatory to appoint one or more responsible persons who will check the possession of any of the evidences mentioned in points 19.1 to 19.4.
- 28. The use of indoor spaces is allowed up to fifty (50%) of the capacity of the space. The area is calculated for the area where food and drinks are served.
- 29. The expressions 'open area' and 'closed area' have the same meanings as in Law No. 04/L-156 on Tobacco Control.

- 30. Gastronomy services are allowed to conduct their activity according to their regular working hours, in compliance with the Article 40 of the Law No. 2004/18 on Internal Trade, relevant municipal regulations and relevant guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health.
- 31. Each table should be equipped with disinfectants containing at least 60% alcohol.

H. [Shopping malls and other economic operators]

- 32. The activity of shopping malls is allowed according to the relevant guideline.
- 33. All operators who have wholesale and retail trade as their economic activity are obliged to set the maximum number of customers in the premises at the same time according to the rule one (1) person per 8 m2. These operators are obliged to indicate at the entrance the maximum number of customers allowed inside at the same time. The area is calculated for the area where customers are allowed to stay.
- 34. Customers and staff in shopping malls must possess any of the evidence mentioned in points 19.1 to 19.4, in order to be allowed to enter the facility, except persons under the age of 12.
- 35. The entity that manages the shopping centre is obliged to appoint one or more responsible persons who will check the possession of any of the evidences mentioned in points 19.1 to 19.4, at each entrance to the shopping centre.

I. [Working with parties]

- 36. In public, private institutions and other entities, employees/staff who work with parties/direct contact with clients (including, but not limited to, barbers, taxi drivers, market and bank employees, etc.), shall possess any of the evidence referred to in points 19.1 to 19.4 in order to be allowed access to the facility. It is obligatory to appoint one or more responsible persons who will check the possession of any of the evidences mentioned in points 19.1 to 19.4. Receiving payments in electronic form, instead of cash, is encouraged.
- 37. The responsible person of the public or private institution, or other entities, is obliged to stop lining up or gathering inside and outside the work/business environment, unless they keep a physical distance of at least 1 meter from other groups of persons.

J. [Public and international transport]

- 38. Using public and international transport without a mask is prohibited.
- 39. Passenger road transport operators are allowed to work according to the seating capacity.
- 40. Road transport staff and passengers must possess any of the evidence mentioned in points 19.1 to 19.4, in order to be allowed to operate, respectively travel on public and international transport, except persons under the age of 12.
- 41. Each operator is obliged to appoint one or more responsible persons in each means of road transport, who will check the passengers for the possession of any of the evidences mentioned in points 19.1 to 19.4.

K. [Theatres, libraries, etc.]

- 42. Libraries, museums, cinemas, theatres, youth centres, cultural centres with groups or other similar subordinate institutions of MCYS or Municipalities, are allowed to work using 50% of the capacity of space/surfaces of the respective facilities. It is obligatory to keep the mask and the physical distance of one (1) meter between persons.
- 43. The users of the activities according to point 42 must possess any of the evidence mentioned in points 19.1 to 19.4, in order to be allowed to enter the facility, except persons under the age of 12.
- 44. In the activities according to point 42, one or more responsible persons must be appointed by decision who will check the possession of any of the evidences mentioned in points 19.1 to 19.4.

L. [Sport and recreation]

- 45. Organization of sports competitions and exercises is allowed in accordance with the protocols and recommendations of world organizations for the organization of sports events and the protection measures of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo.
- 46. The number of participants in the competition (athletes, clubs, officials, and other participants necessary for the development of the competition) is determined by the sports federations respecting the measure of social distancing and other protective measures.
- 47. In indoor competitive activities, the presence of spectators is allowed up to 50% of the capacity of the sports facility or space (stadium, sports hall, swimming pools, other indoor spaces) respecting the distance measure of 1 meter and other protective measures.
- 48. In outdoor competitive activities, the presence of spectators is allowed according to the capacity of the sports facility or space respecting the distance measure of 1 meter and other protective measures.
- 49. Spectators in indoor or outdoor competitive activities must possess one of the pieces of evidence mentioned in points 19.1 to 19.4.
- 50. The organizers of the competition are obliged to appoint persons responsible for controlling the possession of any of the evidence according to points 19.1 to 19.4, as well as to take specific measures, in accordance with international protocols, to manage the mass (fans) before, during and after entry in the sports space.
- 51. The use of gyms, halls and similar facilities for individual recreational activities is allowed. Clients and staff must possess any of the evidence specified in points 19.1 to 19.4 of this Decision.
- 52. Every gym, hall and similar facility is obliged to appoint at least one employee who will check the possession of any of the evidence mentioned in points 19.1 to 19.4.
- 53. The use of gyms, halls and similar facilities, is done in the proportion of 1 client per 10 m2.
- 54. It is mandatory to place information signs and hand sanitisers (or other means for cleaning) on each fitness device for the purpose of awareness and disinfection of them by each client after use.

M. [Thermal spas]

55. In order to enter the thermal spas, customers and staff must possess any of the evidence specified in points 19.1 to 19.4 of this Decision, except those under 12 years of age. It is obligatory to appoint at least one employee who will check the possession of any of the evidences mentioned in point 19.1 to 19.4.

N. [Personal data and the method of checking evidence according to points 19.1 to 19.4]

- 56. The appointment of authorized persons or authorized employees for the control of evidence according to points 19.1 to 19.4, is done through the decision where the name and surname of the authorized person are determined. These persons must be identifiable through the card/identification mark and their names must be posted at the entrance of the institution, shopping malls, gastronomy premises and any other business.
- 57. The presentation of the evidence referred to in points 19.1 to 19.4 shall be in a form which does not allow authorized persons or authorized services to control their possession, hold, store, record or process the data contained in evidence in any form, unless the data subject has given his/her written consent to the processing of such data.
- 58. Authorized and designated persons, in order to check the evidence mentioned in points 19.1 to 19.4, in cases when the data subject has given his/her written consent for the processing of this data, are not allowed to retain the data or reuse it for purposes other than ascertaining possession of evidence, in the public health interest and for the sole purpose of combating the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nj. [Guidelines and clarifications]

- 59. The Ministry of Health is obliged to amend and supplement temporary, general and special guidelines for preventing and combating COVID-19, as follows:
 - 59.1. Temporary Guideline for the application of general measures for preventing and combating COVID-19;
 - 59.2. Temporary Guideline for the sector of personal services and businesses, industry, public administration and NGOs;
 - 59.3. Temporary Guideline for educational institutions of all levels;
 - 59.4. Temporary Guideline for gastronomy, hospitality, sales sector and shopping malls;
 - 59.5. Temporary Guideline for religious gatherings, funerals, workshops and cultural activities;
 - 59.6. Temporary Guideline for gyms, sports halls and other recreational and sports activities;
 - 59.7. Temporary Guideline for public and international transport;
 - 59.8. Temporary Guideline for health care institutions;
 - 59.9. Temporary Guideline for civil aviation;
 - 59.10. Temporary Guideline for correctional institutions, asylum centres and foreigner detention centres;
- 60. The guidelines referred to in point 59 are mandatory for all persons and sectors to which they apply.
- 61. The Ministry of Health is obliged to issue clarifications, when needed, on the points of this Decision.

O. [Implementation]

- 62. The Minister of Health, FVA and the Kosovo Police, in cooperation with the municipal emergency headquarters, are obliged to monitor the implementation of this decision and to submit a weekly report to the Office of the Prime Minister (every Friday until 16:00).
- 63. The Ministry of Health, HUCSK and NIPHK are obliged to submit to the Office of the Prime Minister the weekly report (every Friday, at 16:00h), on the implementation of measures, the situation in health institutions, the epidemiological situation and forecasts for the next two weeks.
- 64. The Ministry of Health is obliged, based on Law No. 07/L-006 on Preventing and Combating COVID-19 Pandemics in the Territory of the Republic of Kosovo, to issue operational decisions, depending on the epidemiological situation and the recommendations of the NIPHK.
- 65. The Kosovo Police and the responsible inspectorates are obliged to supervise the implementation of the measures, other decisions and relevant guidelines pursuant to Law No. 07/L-006 on Preventing and Combating COVID-19 Pandemics in the Territory of the Republic of Kosovo.
- 66. For violators of the measures, the competent bodies are obliged to impose punitive measures according to Law No. 07/L-006 on Preventing and Combating COVID-19 Pandemics in the territory of the Republic of Kosovo and other applicable laws.
- 67. The only authority that can interpret this decision is the Ministry of Health, while any other institution can provide clarifications on the respective categories to which this decision applies, only after the approval of that clarification by the Ministry of Health.

P. [Repeal of Decision No. 01/59]

68. Government Decision No. 01/59, dated 04.02.2022 is hereby repealed.

Q. [<u>Entry into force</u>]

69. The decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo.

Reasoning

Measures to preserve public health and protect against COVID-19 have proven to be vital to limit COVID-19 transmission. According to recent reports from the National Institute of Public Health of Kosovo, the epidemiological situation with COVID-19 in Kosovo is stable, but the risk remains because the Omicron variant continues to be dominant. On 26 November 2021, the WHO announced the emergence of a new variant called Omicron as a disturbing variant which requires increased vigilance in epidemiological surveillance as well as the implementation of measures such as vaccination and non-pharmaceutical measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

On 26 December 2021, in the Microbiology laboratory in NIPHK, the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 was detected in Kosovo. In such a situation, referring to the current data on the epidemiological situation, the classification of the prevalence and the recommendations of the NIPHK as well as the capacity of the health system and public health services, the Government has taken measures whose main purpose is to preserve public health and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Based on available scientific data, the risks of transmission of the COVID-19 virus are reduced among people who have been fully vaccinated and booster-vaccinated, and or who have just tested negative (RT-PCR) for the presence of the COVID-19 virus. Therefore, the Government has taken restrictive measures, with gradual lifting of measures, in order to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19, in activities that bring together a large number of people in the same place, and in which maintaining physical distance is difficult and thus poses an increased risk of spreading the virus. Recent scientific data show that vaccination is the most effective means of preventing severe forms of disease and death.

The measures taken are proportionate to the health risks caused and appropriate to the circumstances of the time and place, as well as based on the authorizations of Law No. 07/L-006 on Preventing and Combating COVID-19 Pandemics in the territory of the Republic of Kosovo. The measures taken through this Decision do not define, in any case, the obligation of compulsory vaccination, since the restrictions imposed on the public can be met by presenting proof of vaccination status, the result of a test that concludes that the person is not infected with COVID-19.

The decision on measures against COVID-19 was based on an assessment of the situation of spread intensity and the capacity of the health system to respond, but also by assessing them in light of the effects these measures may have on the overall well-being of society and individuals.

The Ministry of Health has coordinated decision-making with stakeholders, who have been directly or indirectly affected by the pandemic. The Government notes that these stakeholders have exercised their right to democratic influence in decision-making, in accordance with Article 45.3 of the Constitution.

The measures set out in this Decision serve to keep the epidemiological situation under control but do not exclude the possibility of undertaking new restrictive or mitigating measures.

Therefore, based on the recommendations given by the NIPHK, line ministries, stakeholders and relevant experts, it was decided as in the enacting clause of this Decision.

Albin KURTI

Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo

To be sent to:

- Deputy Prime Ministers
- All ministries (ministers)
- Municipalities
- Responsible inspectorates;
- Kosovo Police;
- Secretary-General of the OPM;
- Government Archive



> No. 02/66 Date: 01.03.2022

Pursuant to Article 92 paragraph 4 and Article 93 paragraph 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo, Article 11 of Law No. 2004/05 on Trade in Petroleum and Petroleum Products in Kosovo and Articles 12 and 13 of Law No. 03/L-138 on amending and supplementing Law No. 2004/05 on Trade in Petroleum and Petroleum Products in Kosovo, based on Article 4 of Regulation (GRK) - No. 02/2021 on Areas of Administrative Responsibility of the Office of the Prime Minister and Ministries, amended and supplemented by Regulation (GRK) No. 04/2021, in accordance with Articles 17 and 19 of Regulation (GRK) No. 09/2011 of the Rules and Procedures of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, in the meeting held on 01 March 2022, issues the following:

DECISION

- 1. The Government of the Republic of Kosovo, in order to protect consumers from large price movements and eliminate disorders in the market of petroleum and petroleum products in the Republic of Kosovo, determines the maximum selling prices/wholesale and retail trade margins, as follows:
 - 1.1. Wholesalers are set the highest trade margin up to 4% of the selling price;
 - 1.2. Retailers are set the highest trade margin up to 6% of the selling price.
- 2. All landfills and points of sale of petroleum and petroleum products are obliged to keep at any time in stock at least 5% of their storage capacity, for the purpose of emergency reserves.
- 3. The Ministry of Industry, Entrepreneurship and Trade, respectively the Central and Local Market Inspectorate, the Tax Administration of Kosovo, the Kosovo Competition Authority and other state administration bodies are obliged to supervise the implementation of this Decision.

4. The decision shall be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo and shall enter into force from 3 March 2022 until 31 May 2022.

Albin KURTI

Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo

The decision is sent to:

- Deputy Prime Ministers;
- All ministries (ministers);
- Secretary General of the OPM;
- Government Archive



> No. 03/66 Date: 01.03.2022

Pursuant to Article 92, paragraph 4 and Article 93, paragraph 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo and Article 29 of Law no. 03/L-048 on Public Financial Management and Accountability with amendments and supplements made, based on Article 4 of Regulation (GRK) - No. 02/2021 on Areas of Administrative Responsibility of the Office of the Prime Minister and Ministries, amended and supplemented by Regulation (GRK) No. 04/2021, in accordance with Article 19, of Regulation (GRK) No. 09/2011 of the Rules and Procedures of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, in the meeting held on 01 March 2022, issues the following:

DECISION

- 1. The request of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora on the allocation of budget funds in the amount of 150,000 € (one hundred and fifty thousand euros) on behalf of the admission in Kosovo of 20 (twenty) journalists from Ukraine is approved.
- 2. Budget funds from point 1 of this decision shall be taken from "Unforeseen expenditures" with code 232, sub-program "Unforeseen expenditures" with code 13100, the category of "Reserves".
- 3. The funds according to point 2 of this decision shall be transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with code 216, in the sub-program "Central Administration", with code 11316, in the category of expenditures "Subsidies and Transfers".
- 4. These funds shall be used in order to cover the expenses related to the stay of journalists, from point 1 of this decision, in Kosovo for a period of up to 6 (six) months.
- 5. The identification and selection of journalists will be done by the European Federation of Journalists and the European Center for Press and Media Freedom in cooperation with the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, by giving priority to female journalists.
- 6. The responsible institutions are obliged for the implementation of this decision, in accordance with the legislation in force.

7. The decision shall enter into force on the day of publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo.

Albin KURTI

Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo

The decision is sent to:

- Deputy Prime Ministers;
- All ministries (ministers);
- Secretary General of the OPM;
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> No. 04/66 Date: 01.03.2022

Pursuant to Article 92, paragraph 4 and Article 93, paragraph 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo, according to Article 4 of Regulation No. 02/2021 on Areas of Administrative Responsibility of the Office of the Prime Minister and Ministries, amended and supplemented by Regulation (GRK) No. 04/2021, in accordance with Article 17 and 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo No. 09/2011, the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, in the meeting held on 01 March 2022, issues the following:

DECISION

- 1. Approves the request of the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports for the authorization of special procedures that in the period of 3 (three) years, respectively 2022, 2023 and 2024 to administer the procedures for the purchase of artworks by local artists, including works of artists who no longer live.
- 2. The amounts foreseen for the purchase of artworks by years are as follows: 300,000 € (three hundred thousand euros) for 2022; 350,000 € (three hundred and fifty thousand euros) for 2023; and 400,000 € (four hundred thousand euros) for the year of 2024. The Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports is obliged to include the amounts within the budget limits for the respective years.
- 3. The artworks that can be purchased in the sense of this Decision, are visual and audiovisual artworks.
- 4. MCYS realizes the purchase of artworks as in point 1 of this Decision, in coordination with public cultural institutions of visual art, through periodic public calls for the purchase of artworks. MCYS is responsible for drafting and approving relevant procedures, as well as for the manner, conditions and criteria for direct purchase of artworks.
- 5. For the evaluation and selection of artworks for purchase, MCYS is obliged to appoint a jury or professional commission, composed of prominent visual arts personalities from the country or abroad, for public procurement and direct purchase of artworks.
- 6. Purchased artworks will become part of the public fund of artworks and are managed by public cultural institutions of visual arts in the Republic of Kosovo. The Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports decides on the public cultural institution(s) of the Republic of Kosovo which take responsibility for management/exposure.
- 7. All relevant procedures for the implementation of the special program for the purchase of artworks through calls or direct purchases, are drafted and approved in advance by the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports.

8. The decision enters into force on the day of its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo.

Albin KURTI

Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo

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