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SCOPE OF THE LEGAL OFFICE¹

- 1. Legal Office (LO) is an organizational unit within the Office of the Prime Minister which coordinate the process of legislation drafting and ensure quality and legislation drafting standards.
- 2. Legal Office coordinates and reviews all draft laws for submission to the Assembly by the Government, and in this regard:
 - 2.1. Guides and assist the initiators of the project on legislative drafting standards;
 - 2.2. Coordinates the process of drafting legislation;
 - 2.3. Monitors the ongoing procedural progress and controls the quality of legislation.
- 3. Also, the Legal Office has the following duties and responsibilities:
 - 3.1. Provide counseling services and expertise to the executive branch;
 - 3.2. Review concept papers to ensure whether the approval of laws or secondary legislation is required;
 - 3.3. Take part in the drafting of legislation from the scope of respective OPM units and upon Prime Minister's request as well as for legislation from the scope of respective ministries;
 - 3.4. Cooperate with other institutions of the central and local level in making the legal infrastructure from the scope of activity of the Government;
 - 3.5. Assists and coordinates, with the Ministry of European Integration, the process of compliance of the legislation of the Republic of Kosovo with the European Union legislation (EU Acqius);
 - 3.6. Ensure fulfillment of legal duties in implementation of laws and other provisions form the scope of activity of the OPM.

Initially known as Office of Legal Support Services (OLSS) - Legal Office within the Office of the Prime Minister - was established in 2001 by UNMIK Regulation no. 2001/19 on the Executive Branch of the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government in Kosovo. Upon with the Rules of Procedure of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo no. 09/2011, Regulation no. 16/2013 on the organizational structure of the Office of the Prime Minister, Regulation no. 13/2013 on the Government Legal Service and Administrative Instruction 03/2013 on drafting standards of normative acts, shall be defined duties and responsibilities of the Legal Office within the Office of the Prime Minister..

- 3.7. Coordinates the preparation process of the Government Legislation Program and monitors its implementation;
- 3.8. Legal Office cooperates with the relevant legal departments of ministries for inclusion of relevant legislation in the Legislative Plan bylaws.
- 3.9. Leads Board of Directors of legal departments of all ministries and serves as a mechanism to coordinate the progress of drafting and implementation of legislation;
- 3.10. Maintains and updates the Government's secondary legislations record.
- 3.11. LO perform other duties and responsibilities provided for by legislation in force and duties assigned by the Prime Minister and OPM General Secretary.
- 5. Number of employees in Legal Office is 11 (eleven) civil servants, as follows:
 - 5.1. Director of Legal Office;
 - 5.2. Legal Office Coordinator;
 - 5.3. Eight (8) senior legal officers;
 - 5.4. Legal Office Manager;

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