

## Republika e Kosovës Republika Kosova - Republic of Kosovo Qeveria - Vlada - Government

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Pursuant to Article 92 paragraph 4. and Article 93 paragraph (4) of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo, Article 80 of Law no. 06 / L-026 on Asylum, based on Article 4 of Regulation no. 02/2021 on Areas of Administrative Responsibility of the Office of the Prime Minister and Ministries, in accordance with Articles 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 august 23, 2021, reaches this:

## DECISION

- 1. The Government of the Republic of Kosovo considers as necessary to provide temporary and immediate protection to persons at risk of internal conflict in Afghanistan.
- 2. The persons, subject to the assistance from point 1. of this decision, are the Afghan contractors who currently work for NATO, including their families.
- 3. The need for granting temporary protection described in the previous points, will have effect from the date of entry into force of this decision, while temporary protection will be provided in accordance with the procedures provided in Law no. 06 / L-026 for Asylum.
- 4. The persons subject to point 2. of this decision, will be subject to the verification process by the relevant security institutions in the Republic of Kosovo, in case of need and for the purpose of national security, according to the assessment of the relevant institutions in the Republic of Kosovo.
- 5. The protection provided by the institutions of the Republic of Kosovo shall not prejudice the recognition of refugee status or supplementary protection, in case the persons subject to point 2. of this decision request such protection.
- 6. The persons from point 2. of this decision, during the stay in the Republic of Kosovo, will act in accordance with the legislation in force and will enjoy the rights defined by the legislation in force.
- 7. The Ministry of Internal Affairs will make a continuous assessment of the situation and, when the need arises, will take certain measures related to the management of the situation, including the potential restriction of the movement of persons from point 2 of this decision.
- 8. For issues that are not regulated by Law no. 06 / L-026 on Asylum or with this decision, the Minister of Internal Affairs is authorized to issue decisions.
- 9. The Ministry of Internal Affairs is obliged to start the necessary preparations in order to realize the temporary protection and the coordination of this process.

- 10. Relevant institutions are obliged to cooperate with the Ministry of Internal Affairs during the development of the process of providing temporary protection.
- 11. This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo.

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