



**REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA**  
**COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

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**DECISION**

**No. 340**

**date 6.6.2018,**

**ON**

**DEFINITION OF DETAILED REGULATION ON THE CONDITIONS AND METHODS OF SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DIASPORA COORDINATION COUNCIL**

Pursuant to Article 100 of the Constitution and point 3 of Article 20 of the Law No.16 / 2018 "On Diaspora", upon the proposal of the Minister of State for Diaspora, the Council of Ministers

**DECIDED:**

1. Definition of detailed rules on the conditions and manner of election of 15 representatives of the Diaspora Coordination Council,
2. Representatives of diaspora, candidate for membership in the Diaspora Coordination Council, in addition to the criteria provided for in Law No.16 / 20 18, "On diaspora", should:
  - a) prominent persons in the field of education, science, technology, culture, sport, etc. or



successful in the business field; b) persons recognized in the field of philanthropy and have contributed to issues related to the diaspora or place of origin; c) active part of the diaspora organizational forums in the host countries,

3. The provisions of the legislation in force for the prevention of conflicts of interest in the exercise of public functions shall also apply to the procedure of the proposal and the election.

4. The number of candidacies shall be not less than twice the number of the representation, referring to the order set out in point 2 of Article 20 of the Law No.16 / 2018 "On Diaspora".

5. The extraordinary and powerful Ambassadors of the Republic of Albania, accredited abroad, through the minister responsible for foreign affairs, propose to the Minister responsible for Diaspora candidates for the Diaspora Coordination Council.

6. Ambassadors collaborate with Diaspora organizations, known and registered according to the legislation of the host country, to find candidates.

7. In special cases or in the absence of proposed candidacies, the proposal for election of members of the Diaspora Coordination Council (no more than 3 proposals) may be made directly by the Minister for Diaspora,

8. Proposals must be accompanied by written submissions and documents, qualifications and evaluations of the proposed representative's activity.

9. Following the proposals received, the Diaspora Minister selects 15 candidates for members of the Diaspora Coordination Council and submits them for approval to the Council of Ministers.

10. At least 30 percent of the membership should be represented by female gender,

11. Representatives of the Diaspora Coordination Council are elected for a period of one year, with the right of reelection not more than two times.



12. The member of the Diaspora Coordination Council shall be released before the expiration of the 4-year mandate, when:

- a) Resign, upon individual request;
- b) Exercises activity under conditions of conflict of interest;
- c) Released for other reasons.

13. The member of the Diaspora Coordination Council shall be dismissed before the termination of mandate, in the following cases:

- a) neglects the performance of duties and regular attendance at the meetings of the steering council;
- b) does not fulfill the functions provided by law no.16 / 20 18, “On Diaspora”, and this decision;
- c) does not participate, for no reason, in meetings for more than 2 consecutive times;
- d) become incapable of performing the functions charged due to physical or mental illness;
- e) in exercising its functions, acts in contravention of the interests of the Diaspora Coordination Council.

14. The Minister responsible for Diaspora, not later than 30 working days before the next meeting of the Diaspora Coordination Council, proposes to the Council of Ministers new candidates to replace the released or dismissed member. The mandate of the substitute is fully counted, from the day of his appointment.

15. Exceptionally for the first election, proposals must be submitted before the end of August 2018.

16. The Minister is responsible for the diaspora, the Minister responsible for foreign affairs and the National Diaspora Agency for the implementation of the decision.

This decision enters into force after its publication in the “Official Journal”.

PRIME MINISTER

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