



**REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA  
PRIME MINISTER**

**DECISION**

**No. 469, date 26.07.2018**

**ON**

**CREATING, ORGANIZING AND FUNCTIONING OF THE DIASPORA  
PUBLICATION CENTER**

Pursuant to Article 100 of the Constitution and point 2 of Article 23 of the Law No.16 / 2018 "On Diaspora", upon the proposal of the Minister of State for Diaspora, the Council of Ministers

**DECIDED:**

1. Creation of the Diaspora Publishing Center (hereinafter referred to as DPC), as a public public legal entity, based in Tirana, under the Minister responsible for Diaspora.
2. DPC is responsible for:
  - a) publishing, in accordance with Law No. 9616, dated 27.9.2006, "On the Book in the Republic of Albania", as amended, and the Law No.35 / 2016, "On Copyright and Related Rights with them "of the texts that will serve the diaspora;
  - b) the final editing of the texts to be published;
  - c) promotion of on-line access to special diaspora textbooks;
  - ç) Encouraging the creation of special formats for e-books;
  - d) co-ordination of work with the economic operator, who distributes the texts;
  - a) Coordination with the responsible institutions of the Republic of Kosovo for diaspora publications.
3. The printing of the texts set out in point 2 of this decision is carried out by the DPC itself and the expenditures are borne by the state budget.
4. DPC use curriculum programs approved by the ministry responsible for education and other publications with the approval of the Minister responsible for the diaspora.



5. At the request of the Minister responsible for education and after the approval of the Minister responsible for the diaspora, the DPC publishes texts other than those mentioned in point 2 of this decision.
6. The DPC is represented by the director, who organizes and directs all the activity of the center and answers to the Minister responsible for the diaspora. He is appointed, released or dismissed by order of the Minister responsible for the diaspora.
7. Employees and employees of the DPC administration should be appointed and released from the Director of the DPC. The work relationship for the Director and the DPC staff is regulated by the Labor Code.
8. The Diaspora Publishing Coordination Council is functioning as an advisory and decision-making body for issues of diaspora publications at the DPC.
9. The Coordination Council for Diaspora Publications is a collegial body, composed of five members, who has representatives from:
  - Ministry responsible for foreign affairs;
  - Ministry responsible for education;
  - Ministry responsible for Diaspora.
  - Academy of Sciences of Albania;
  - National Library of Albania.
10. The Coordination Council for Diaspora Publications has the following competencies:
  - a) Collect and review annual publication requirements for diaspora and review periodic requirements that may not be foreseen in annual requirements;
  - b) Approves the DPC publications programs, in accordance with the Diaspora Relations Strategic Documents;
  - c) Plans the distribution of texts published by the center;
  - ç) Decides on other matters in accordance with the obligations of the legislation in force;
  - d) Proposes to the Minister responsible for Diaspora the publication of other texts;
  - dh) Proposes to the Minister responsible for the diaspora the sales of textbooks, which are decided by respecting the provisions of the law no. 9616, dated 27.9.2006, as amended, and the categories that receive free copies of texts published by the DPC, which are approved by a decision of the Council of Ministers.

This council also has other powers, in accordance with the law, assigned by the Minister responsible for the diaspora or the director of the center.

11. The mandate of members of the Coordination Council for Diaspora Publications is 4 years, with the right of re-election.
12. Members of the Co-ordination Council of Diaspora Publications should be high-level leaders of the represented institutions, who are appointed and dismissed by order of the Minister



responsible for the diaspora, upon proposal of the head of the respective institution. The Minister responsible for Diaspora appoints one of the members as chairman of this council.

13. The chairman and member of the Diaspora Publishing Coordination Council shall be dismissed before the expiration of the four-year mandate when:
  - a) Released or dismissed by the governing function exercising in the institution he represents;
  - b) upon the proposal of the head of the institution represented, due to the change of mission and duties that he performs in that institution;
  - c) neglects the performance of duties and regular attendance at meetings of the Coordination Council of Diaspora Publications.
14. The Minister responsible for the diaspora, 30 (thirty) days before the expiration of the 4-year mandate or shortly after the dismissal of the member, asks the institution represented in the Coordination Council of Diaspora Publications to present the name of the candidate for this council member.
15. The remuneration of the chairman and members of the Coordination Council of Diaspora Publications are determined by a decision of the Council of Ministers.
16. The structure and organization of the DPC are approved by order of the Prime Minister, as defined in the legislation in force for the organization and functioning of the state administration.
17. The Rules on Internal Working Methods and the Behavior of the JIT staff are approved by the Minister responsible for Diaspora upon the proposal of its Director.
18. The DPC is a budget institution funded by the state budget.
19. The prices for the sale of texts published by the DPC and the categories that can be obtained free of charge are determined by a decision of the Council of Ministers, with the co-proposal of the Minister responsible for the diaspora and the Minister responsible for finance.
20. The DPC has its own official emblem and logo. The emblem consists of the emblem of the Republic of Albania with the notes "Republic of Albania", "State Minister for Diaspora", "Diaspora Publishing Center", in accordance with the decree of the Council of Ministers on how to use the coat of arms of the Republic of Albania. The DPC logo shall be placed in each publication, in accordance with Article 26 of Law 16/2018, "On Diaspora".
21. The DPC stamp has the form and the elements according to the decision of the Council of Ministers on rules of production, administration, control and preservation of official stamps. The seal is produced, administered and stored in accordance with the legislation in force.
22. The Publishing House of Textbooks (BOTEM), with the entry into force of this decision, is being restructured at the Diaspora Publishing Center (DPC). For administrative employees, the provisions of the Labor Code apply.
23. Decision No.843, dated 2.11.2012, of the Council of Ministers, "On the Establishment of the Textbook Publishing House (BOTEM)", as amended, is repealed.



24. State Minister for Diaspora, the Minister of Education, Sports and Youth, the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, the National Library of Albania, the Academy of Sciences of Albania and the Diaspora Publishing Center, are responsible for following up and implementing this decision.

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**PRIME MINISTER**

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