



DECISION

No.340, dated 6. 6. 2018

ON

DETERMINATION OF DETAILED RULES ON THE CONDITIONS AND METHOD OF CHOICE 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 State Minister for Diaspora, the Council of Ministers

DECIDED:

1. Definition of the detailed rules on the conditions and manner of election of 15 representatives of the Diaspora Coordination Council.
2. Representatives of Diaspora, candidates for members in the Diaspora Coordination Council, in addition to the criteria provided for in the Law No.16 / 2018 "On Diaspora", must also meet these criteria:
 - a) A prominent person in the fields of education, science, technology, culture, sports, etc., or successful in the field of business;
 - b) A recognized person in the field of philanthropy and have contributed to issues related to the diaspora or place of origin;
 - c) Play an active part of the diaspora organizational forums in host countries.
3. The provisions of the legislation in force for the prevention of conflicts of interest in the exercise of public functions shall apply to the procedure of proposal and election.
4. The number of candidacies shall be not less than twice the number of representation, referring to the order set out in point 2 of Article 20 of the Law No.16 / 2018 "On Diaspora".
5. Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary 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, for finding candidacies.
7. For special cases or in the absence of proposed candidacies, the proposal for the election of members of the Diaspora Coordination Council (no more than 3 proposals) can be done directly by the Minister responsible for Diaspora.
8. Proposals should be accompanied by necessary biographies and documents, qualifications and evaluations of the activity of the proposed representative.
9. Following the proposals received, the Minister responsible for Diaspora selects 15 candidates for members of the Diaspora Coordination Council and forwards them for approval to the Council of Ministers.
10. At least 30 percent of the membership must be represented by the female gender.
11. Representatives of the Diaspora Coordination Council shall be elected for a period of 4 years, with the right of re-election no more than twice.
12. A member of the Diaspora Coordination Council is released before the expiration of the 4-year mandate, when:
 - a) resigns, upon individual request;
 - b) exercises activity in conditions of conflict of interest;
 - c) is released for other reasons.
13. A member of the Diaspora Coordination Council is released before the expiration of the 4-year mandate, when:
 - 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 / 2018, "On diaspora", and this decision;
 - c) does not participate, without reason, in meetings for more than 2 consecutive times;
 - ç) becomes incapable of performing the functions charged due to physical or mental illnesses;
 - d) in exercising its functions, acts in contravention of the interests of the Diaspora Coordination Council.
14. The Minister responsible for Diaspora, no 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 substitute's mandate is counted fully from the day of his appointment.

15. Exceptionally for the first election, proposals must be submitted before the end of August 2018.
16. The State Minister for Diaspora, the Minister responsible for foreign affairs and the National Diaspora Agency are responsible for implementing this decision.

This decision enters into force after its publication in the "Official Gazette".

PRIME MINISTER

EDI RAMA