



REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
PRIME MINISTER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR DIASPORA

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Subject: Request for approval of draft order

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Mr. Prime Minister,

In view of the realization of the implementation of the Action Plan of the National Strategy on Diaspora approved by the Decision of the Council of Ministers no. 259, dated 9.5.2018, I inform You as follows:

- 1. On the implementation of measure 64 of the Action Plan of the National Strategy on Diaspora, dated 13.09.2018, the Order No. 135/2018 of the Prime Minister was adopted. The Prime Ministers evaluates the realization of the Measure 64 of the Action Plan of the National Strategy on Diaspora which requires:**

“Reviewing and orientation of programs/donors who offer study abroad scholarships to the areas of expertise that Albania needs. The assessment of conducting an in-depth survey on the number of Albanian students in universities abroad and in the areas where they specialize.

Review of the inclusion of the return condition in Albania (for a period of not less than one year) for all students receiving scholarships abroad in the framework of various donor study programs for Albania”

Pursuant to Prime Minister Order No. 135/2018, Working Group meetings were organized on December 19, 2018, January 09, and February 13, 2019.



The Working Group in these organized meetings, discussed issues related to the implementation of Measure 64 of the Action Plan for the National Structure on Diaspora. It was assessed:

- Adoption by sub-law of the agreement form provided the return home condition, which shall be concluded between the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth and students who will study abroad with scholarships a process to be coordinated by the Albanian state.
- The necessity for a state register for students studying with scholarships given by or awarded to the Albanian state.
- The prerequisite of coordination by the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth for scholarships of Albanian communities abroad especially for Arbëreshë (Croatia, Italy, Ukraine).
- Proposal for the establishment of a special sector for scholarships domestically at the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth and abroad.
- Appointment of a State Coordinator for the implementation of Measure 64

In accomplishment of the aforementioned proposals of the working group:

- 1 The Prime Minister adopted the Order No.47 dated 18.02.2019 “On appointment of the State Coordinator on programmes/donors who offer study abroad scholarships”
- 2 The State Minister for Diaspora, through letter no. 1152 Prot, dated 22.02.2019 proposed to the Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth, the establishment of a special sector for scholarships at this institution.

The State Coordinator will follow up the implementation of Measure 64, of the Action Plan, of the National Strategy for Diaspora, adopted by the Decision of the Council of Ministers No. 259, dated 9.5.2018. The coordinator shall report in writing, every three months, in the next meeting of the State Committee on Diaspora.

Under these circumstances it was a joint evaluation of the Working Group established by Prime Minister Order No.135/2018 on the implementation of Measure 64 that this group has achieved its purpose and should be considered repealed.



2. On the implementation of measure 51 of the Action Plan of the National Strategy on Diaspora, dated 13.09.2018, the Order No. 138/2018 of the Prime Minister was adopted. The Prime Ministers evaluates the realization of the Measure 51 of the Action Plan of the National Strategy on Diaspora which requires:

“Establishment of an information network for Albanian and foreign media to appeal and raise awareness of the violations of the rights of Albanian migrants in the relevant structures of the host countries as well as in those of international organizations.”

Pursuant to Prime Minister Order No.136/2018, Working Group meetings were organized on: December 27, 2018, January 11, February 13 and March 13, 2019.

The Working Group in these organized meetings discussed issues related to the implementation of Measure 51 of the Action Plan for the National Strategy on Diaspora.

It was assessed:

- Appointment of the "Diaspora Information Coordinator, who is assigned by the institutions responsible for the content of the respective websites through cooperation with NAIS, which is also in charge of the websites content. The Diaspora coordinator shall jointly act with the Deputy Minister pursuant to Order No.98/2018 of the Prime Minister “On the establishment of the Coordinators Group for the implementation of the Action Plan of the National Strategy on Diaspora 2018-2024”
- A summary of information of each institution on the interests of Albanian communities abroad which should be reflected on their official websites with the "Diaspora" content.
- The proposal for the appointment of a State Coordinator for the implementation of measure 51
- Standardization of information on Diaspora and migration. For example, one proposal was the evaluation of a column "Doctor for Albania", for ease of application of doctors abroad, which initially consisted of diploma validation, obtaining a doctor's license and thereof the Ministry of Health and Social Protection shall create a profile on the official website by filling in the request and specialisation which is performed in cooperation NAIS.
- The recommendation was supported by the representative of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs in the opening of the column "Diaspora in the websites of Embassies and Consulates of the Republic of Albania".



In accomplishment of the proposals of the working group:

- 1 Approval of the order no.45 dated 12.02.2019 of the Prime Minister “On appointment of State Coordinator for Diaspora Informing” Based on Measure 51, the State Coordinator estimates and coordinates the work performed for the information published by the public administration institutions protecting the interests of the Albanian community abroad.
- 2 Pursuant to Order No. 136/2018 in the official websites of institutions was launched the column dedicated to information regarding the Diaspora.

The State Coordinator will follow up the implementation of Measure 51, of the Action Plan, of the National Strategy for Diaspora, adopted by the Decision of the Council of Ministers No. 259, dated 9.5.2018. The coordinator shall report in writing, every three months, in the meetings of the State Committee on Diaspora.

Under these circumstances it was a joint evaluation of the Working Group established by Prime Minister Order No.135/2018 on the implementation of Measure 51 that this group has achieved its purpose and should be considered repealed.

3 On the implementation of Measure 2 and 45 of the Action Plan of the National Strategy on Diaspora, dated 13.09.2018, Order No. 138/2018 of the Prime Minister was adopted. The Prime Ministers evaluates the realization of the Measure 2 and 4 of the Action Plan of the National Strategy on Diaspora which requires:

Measure 2 requests:

“Adoption in the State Committee for Diaspora of the program of the annual Diaspora Program (activities involving the book, education, culture and business) and in cooperation with the Parliament of Albania the assessment of the representative participation in these programs. Preparation of Evaluating Information for the State Committee on Diaspora and Sub-Committee on Diaspora and Migration”

Measure 45 provides for:

"Coordination and organization of meetings or "Days of Albania" in the host countries of the Albanian communities in the Diaspora on the basis of an annual program as well as other periodic activities for Albanian tourism and investment-related facilities in Albania”.



Pursuant to Prime Minister Order No 138/2018, Working Group meetings were organized on: December 18, 2018, January 10, and February 13, 2019.

The Working Group in these organized meetings discussed issues related to the implementation of Measure 2 and Measure 45 of the Action Plan for the National Strategy on Diaspora.

It was assessed:

- The principle of "merging" activities carried out by different state institutions abroad performed in the same country, because it is also more reasonable in terms of expenditure.
- Focus on developing activities in countries with higher numbers of Albanian Diaspora such as Italy, and Greece which are cost-effective.
- Inter-institutional coordination for annual planning of what activities abroad will be considered on the interests of the Albanian Diaspora and what can be proposed in addition to the existing ones.
- The proposal for the appointment of a State Coordinator in the level of Deputy Minister.
- Establishment of the Diaspora Business Chamber as an effective mechanism for the activities on the interests of Diaspora.
- Inclusion in a "Summer School" system of the Diaspora children. In

accomplishment of the aforementioned proposals of the Working Group:

1 Adoption of the Prime Minister Order No. 44, dated 12.2.2019 "Appointment of the State Coordinator for the annual programme organization of activities on the Albanian Diaspora", which stipulates the appointment of the State Coordinator, pursuant to measures 2 and 45 of the Action Plan of the National Strategy for Diaspora, coordinates and organizes activities in the host countries of the Albanian Diaspora communities, based on an annual program and other periodic activities for Albanian tourism.

2 The National Agency of Diaspora briefed and introduced all the activities in a joint program to the Ministry of Tourism and the Environment, organizing together with the State Coordinator the first Annual Program that was published and distributed during the Second Summit of the Diaspora.



3 The Ministry of Culture has launched the call for projects by independent operators, thereby following up on the other activities envisaged by their institution, which will become part of the annual activities program.

The State Coordinator will follow up the implementation of Measure 2 and Measure 45 of the Action Plan, of the National Strategy for Diaspora, adopted by the Decision of the Council of Ministers No. 259, dated 9.5.2018. The coordinator shall report in writing, every three months, in the meetings of the State Committee on Diaspora.

Under these circumstances it was a joint evaluation of the Working Group established by Prime Minister Order No.135/2018 on the implementation of Measure 2 and Measure 45 that this group has achieved its purpose and should be considered repealed.

Considering the aforementioned arguments, I propose for approval the draft Order "On the repeal of Order no. 135, dated 13.09.2018, and Order No. 136, dated 13.09.2018 and Order No.138 dated 13.09.2018

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MINISTER**