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Ministry of Local Government Administration

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Pursuant to Article 92 paragraph 4 and Article 93 paragraph (4) of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo, Article 41 of Law no. 02 / L-109 on prevention and fighting of infectious diseases, Law no. 04 / L-072 on the control and surveillance of the state border, based on Article 4 of Regulation no. 05/2020 on Areas of Administrative Responsibility of the Office of the Prime Minister and Ministries, in accordance with Article 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo Nr. 09/2011, Article 85 of the Law on General Administrative Procedure, Article 17 paragraph (g) of the Law on Local Self-Government, and Decisions of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo No. 01/09 and No. 01/11, the Minister of MLGA, issues this:

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ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT DECISIONS FOR PREVENTION OF COVID-19 VIRUS

Decisions of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo oblige all institutions of the Republic of Kosovo, including the municipal authorities, to take measures and actions in accordance with the decision of the Government on the Declaration of Public Health Emergency.

The municipal authorities are obliged to comply with Decision No. 01/09 dated 13.03.2020 on taking of additional measures after confirmation of positive cases with Corona Virus COVID-19; and the Decision of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo No. 01/11 dated 15.03.2020 on the declaration of public health emergency, which obliges the institutions of the Republic of Kosovo to act in accordance with the National Response Plan and the activation of the emergency support function 8 (ESF 8 public health and medical services).

In accordance with Government Decisions and in order to manage the created situation, municipalities should take the following actions:

1. To prohibit the entry and exit of the citizens of Municipality to quarantined Municipalities and settlements or locations for which there may be a restrictive measure including the interruption of interurban transport, except for the transportation of workers by buses according to Decision No. 104 dt. 18.03.2929 issued by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment;

2. To close cafes, bars, clubs, restaurants, shopping malls, suspension of cultural and sports activities, closure of animal and vehicle markets and other obligations in accordance with Order no. ref. 01/04 Prishtinë, 20.03.2020 issued by the Ministry of Economy, Employment, Trade, Industry, Entrepreneurship and Strategic Investments;

3. Municipalities should undertake actions to reduce the staff of public institutions to the extent that they exercise only essential functions, except for the health and security staff. Consequently, the activity of Municipal Assemblies should be limited regarding to the staff and essential functions in managing health emergency, thus to avoid meetings of Municipal Assemblies and committees;

4. Considering that in this situation, the Municipal Assemblies cannot fulfill the annual plan of meetings, the reporting periods in the Municipal Assembly are postponed until the Government takes another decision which restores the functions and staff of public institutions to full capacity;

5. We suggest that the ordinary activities of the municipal administration are to be limited entirely and to focus only on the measures and actions that emerge from the national emergency plan and related actions. To inform the staff of the administration of municipalities, and as much as possible to organize the work from home;

6. As informed in advance by MLGA, based on Law m. 05 / 1-031 on the General Administrative Procedure, Article 85 [Preliminary Issue], according to which "*When the public body conducting the procedure encounters an issue, the resolution of which is a prerequisite for resolving the main issue and which constitutes an independent legal issue,* therefore, the MLGA has temporarily suspended all the procedures for the legal review of acts issued by municipal authorities. The suspension shall apply to all acts which have been reviewed before the entry into force of the Decision No.01/09 dated 13.03.2020 and the acts which have been submitted to MLGA for review after the entry into force of this Decision. The suspension shall be in force until the repeal of Decision No. 01 / 09 of 13.03.2020 or the issuance of a new decision by the

Government;

7. Municipal authorities may perform their communication through video conferencing, where possible, while for necessary emergency actions, which are related specifically to the emergency action plan, meetings may take place in open spaces and well ventilated, with the right distance from each other and in full compliance with the WHO standards;

8. Local institutions should be cautious of public statements about the spread of Coronavirus. All public information and public statements should be in line with the data of the responsible health institutions, namely the Ministry of Health and the Kosovo National Institutes of Public Health;

9. Mayors and municipal leadership should continue to make public calls to all citizens of the municipality to avoid frequented areas and to abide by all measures taken by the Government and recommendations given by the National Institute of Public Health of Kosovo;

All municipalities are obliged to implement the Decisions and Orders of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, until their repeal or issuance of new decisions after the end of the emergency situation; and restoring the work of public institutions in their full capacity.

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