Based on the Local Self-Government Strategy 2016-2026 on strengthening the partnership between the Ministry of Local Government Administration (MLGA) and civil society, the MLGA and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) with a focus on local government, agree to issue this:

**STATEMENT**

1. The purpose of this statement is the establishment of the "Local Government Consultative Forum" as a platform for discussion about topics, projects and developments in local government;
2. The forum has a consultative character only and does not affect the independence of the parties in their affairs or the views of one or the other party on certain issues regarding local government. The participation of organizations in the Forum is voluntary;
3. The Forum discusses topics exclusively on local government which aim at promoting, contributing and advocating together in the further development of local self-government. These topics are defined according to the proposals of the participating members;
4. Neither party may issue notices, press releases, statements or include in the reports the views of the Forum without the notification and consent of the members of the Forum;
5. The Forum may have a work plan with topics which serve as a guide for specific topics to be discussed in Forum meetings;
6. The Parties may submit to the Forum any initiative deemed relevant for discussion, but related to the field of local government. The parties may discuss in the Forum individual initiatives which are relevant to local government, with the aim of involving members who can contribute to the process;
7. The forum may be closed down at the proposal of the MLG or most of the participating organizations. The termination of the Forum is considered successful only after the statement of the majority of the members of the Forum at the time of the statement;

1. Details about the structure and functioning of the Forum are part of the Forum’s Terms of Reference which are attached to this statement;

**Founding organizations of the Local Government Consultative Forum:**

Ministry of Local Government \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Democracy Plus (D+) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

GAP Institute \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Kosovo Local Government Institute (KLGI) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Initiative for Progress (INPO) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Balkan Investigative Reporting Network (BIRN) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

FOL Movement \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Group for Legal and Political Studies (GLPS) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Organization “Ec Ma Ndryshe” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Democracy for Development (D4D) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Kosovo Democratic Institute (KDI) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

POLIS Organization \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Organization “Syri i Vizionit” ­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Organization “7 arte” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Organization “Teach for Kosova” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Developing Together \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Forum for Civic Initiatives (FCI) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

CIVIKOS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Kosovo Civil Society Foundation (KCSF) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_