



**REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA
PRIME MINISTER**

DECISION

No. 470, date 26.07.2018

ON

**CREATING, ORGANIZING AND FUNCTIONING OF CULTURAL CENTERS FOR
DIASPORA**

Pursuant to Article 100 of the Constitution, paragraphs 5 and 6, Article 6, Law No.16/2018 "On Diaspora", Law No. 90/2012, "On the Organization and Functioning of the State Administration", and of Decision No. 58, dated 31.1.2018, of the Council of Ministers, "On the approval of the agreement between the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania and the Government of the Republic of Kosovo on Cultural Centers in Diaspora", with the proposal of the State Minister for Diaspora , Council of Ministers.

DECIDED:

1. Establishment of Cultural Centers for Diaspora (DCC) as public and juridical persons, depending on the head of the diplomatic mission accredited in the host country.
2. DCCs conduct their activity in accordance with Law No.16 / 2018, "On Diaspora", and report, supervise and coordinate by the National Diaspora Agency (NDA).
3. DCC's mission is the preservation, cultivation of the national, linguistic, cultural and educational identity of the Diaspora and the strengthening of its relations with the institutions of the Republic of Albania.
4. DCC-will perform the following administrative functions:
 - a) Promote Albania in preserving, cultivating the national, linguistic, cultural and educational identity of the Diaspora and strengthening its links with the institutions of the Republic of Albania;
 - b) Encourage and develop knowledge of Albania's language, culture and cultural heritage;



- c) Promote scientific, technical, technological, sports and economic, artistic and cultural cooperation between Albania and the Diaspora;
 - ç) Support and organize youth and different age groups of diasporas with cultural, educational, sports activities etc.;
 - d) Cooperate with other institutions to develop its activity within and outside the country;
 - dh) Perform other duties provided by the legislation in force.
5. DCC engages in activities in countries of interest to carry cultural heritage, identity etc. in the diaspora, and are opened to bilateral agreement with the countries of these countries.
 6. The organizational structure of DCC are approved by order of the Prime Minister, upon the proposal of the Minister responsible for Diaspora.
 7. DCCs are financed from the approved budget for the diplomatic missions.
 8. Diplomatic missions where they will exercise their activity for DCCs, the functions they will perform, relationship with the head of mission as well as other issues of their activity are regulated by a joint instruction of the Minister responsible for foreign affairs and the Minister responsible for diaspora.
 9. Internal staff rules and regulations of DCC are approved by order of the head of the diplomatic mission, in accordance with the joint instruction of the Minister responsible for foreign affairs and the Minister responsible for the diaspora.
 10. DCC is managed by a Director, who manages and directs its daily activity and represents it in relations with third parties. For his administrative activity he reports to the head of the diplomatic mission and the Minister responsible for the diaspora. For issues that require political decision-making, the head of the DCC should take the opinion of the head of mission.
 11. The Director of the DCC is appointed and released upon the order of the Minister responsible for foreign affairs, upon the proposal of the Minister responsible for diaspora, in accordance with point 2, article 31, of the law no.23 / 2015, "On the services outside Republic of Albania".
 12. The Director exercises all competences for running the activity of the institution in accordance with the legislation in force and with the functions and objectives of the DCC, as follows:
 - a) Lead and represent the DCC;
 - b) Report to the head of the diplomatic mission, the Minister responsible for the Diaspora and the Executive Director of NDA;
 - c) Coordinates the work between the center structures and assigns the respective tasks and objectives to be carried out by these structures;
 - ç) Proposes the annual program of the activities of the DCC, which he submits for approval to the head of the diplomatic mission and to the attention of the Minister responsible for the diaspora of the Executive Director of NDA;
 - d) Controls the progress of the activity of the DCCs in order to achieve the set objectives and full implementation of its functions, and also takes the necessary measures for better coordination of work between the DCC structures.



- dh) Informs regularly and responds to the head of the diplomatic mission, the Minister responsible for the diaspora and the Executive Director of NDA for the progress of the activity of the DCC and for the accomplishment of its functions.
- e) The DCMs appointed to diplomatic missions are provided with a diplomatic passport and enjoy the same status as diplomats during the period they are appointed to these missions. They receive diplomatic grades, depending on the structure of the diplomatic mission, and are financially compensated by salary, salary supplements and compensation for the cost of living by rank of appointment in the diplomatic mission in the country where they serve.
13. According to law no.23 / 2015, "On Foreign Service of the Republic of Albania", and by-laws in force, members of the family of the Head are provided with diplomatic passports and enjoy the same treatment with the families of diplomatic members
14. DCC staff will work full-time but will not be accredited in the receiving state. They are appointed by the Minister for Diaspora, on the proposal of the head of the diplomatic mission
15. DCC employees will work full-time but will not be accredited in the host country. They are appointed by the Diaspora Ministry for Diaspora, on the proposal of the head of the diplomatic mission.
16. DCC stamps have the shape and the elements according to the decision no.390, dated August 6, 1993, of the Council of Ministers, "On rules of production, administration, control and preservation of official stamps"
17. The DCC emblem consists of the emblem of the Republic of Albania with the notes "Republic of Albania", "Relevant Embassy", "Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs", and "Cultural Center for Diaspora" in accordance with the decision No.474, dated 10 July 2003, of the Council of Ministers, "On the use of the republican emblem and its size report", as amended.
18. The Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, the State Minister for Diaspora, the National Diaspora Agency and the Cultural Centers for Diaspora are responsible for implementing this decision.

This decision enters in force after its publication in the public "Official Journal".

PRIME MINISTER

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