

AGREEMENT

On Principles of Reconstruction of the Co-ordination Body for Preševo, Bujanovac and Medvedja municipalities

Recalling the “Plan and Programme for Solution of the Crisis in the Municipalities of Preševo, Bujanovac and Medvedja”, which was drawn up in 2001,

Pledging a continued commitment to the objective of the programme that envisages the development of a multiethnic and multi-confessional society, which is based on democratic principles, with respect for all human rights, as well as political and minority rights and liberties of all citizens according to the highest standards,

Recalling the “Agreement on Basic Principles of Holding the Municipal By-Elections in South Serbia” signed in Belgrade on March 18, 2002,

Considering that a pluralistic and true democratic society should create appropriate conditions which enable all communities to express, preserve and develop their identities,

Confirming the intention to engage in the establishment of multiethnic governments in the municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja with adequate inclusion of the Albanian community in state institutions, thus achieving its efficient participation in the decision-making process,

The undersigned parties declare their commitment to the Decision on the Organization and Competences of the Co-ordination Body as attached to this Agreement.

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Done in Belgrade on 27 March 2009, in Serbian and English. In case of any discrepancies,
the Serbian version shall prevail.

DECISION
ON THE ORGANISATION AND COMPETENCES OF THE CO-ORDINATION
BODY

The presidency of the Co-ordination Body shall have a narrow and an extended composition.

- I. Members of the narrow composition of the presidency of the Co-ordination Body shall be as follows:**
- a. The President of the Co-ordination Body.
 - b. The Presidents of Preševo, Bujanovac and Medvedja municipalities. The Presidents of Bujanovac and Preševo municipalities shall rotate in performing the function of the Deputy President of the Co-ordination Body.
 - c. The Vice-presidents of the Co-ordination Body appointed by the Government of the Republic of Serbia.
 - d. The Members of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia from Preševo, Bujanovac and Medvedja.
 - e. The Presidents of the Municipal Assemblies of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja.
 - f. The Director of the Co-ordination Body Service.
- II. Members of the extended composition of the presidency of the Co-ordination Body shall be as follows:**
- a. The narrow composition of the presidency of the Co-ordination Body,
 - b. Heads of 6 working groups (from the ministries),
 - c. Deputy Heads of working groups (from local self-governments),
 - d. Deputy Presidents of Bujanovac, Preševo and Medvedja municipalities,
 - e. Deputy Presidents of Municipal Assemblies of Bujanovac, Preševo and Medvedja.
- III. Decisions in the narrow and the extended composition of the presidency of the Co-ordination Body are made by consensus.**
- IV. Working Groups:**
- a. The Co-ordination Body shall have the following working groups:
 1. For economic and infrastructure development,
 2. For political and social integration,
 3. For security and judiciary,
 4. For capacity-building of local self-governments and training for their sustainable development,
 5. For education, culture, information, sport and youth,
 6. For health protection and social policy.

- b. The Working Groups shall each consist of 12 members, as follows:
 1. Three members of a working group shall be from the ministries,
 2. Three members shall be from each of the local self-governments.
- c. The structure of proposed members of the Working Groups from the local self-governments should match the ethnic structure of the municipalities.

V. COMPETENCES OF THE CO-ORDINATION BODY

- The President of the Co-ordination Body shall represent and head the Co-ordination Body and work on co-ordination of relevant state institutions during the implementation of their obligations arising from the Programme and decisions of the Co-ordination Body.
- The Deputy President of the Co-ordination Body shall assist and deputise for the President of the Co-ordination Body (*in case of his/her absence*), and co-ordinate work of the local self-governments in performing the tasks necessary for adoption and implementation of programmes and decisions of the Co-ordination Body.
- The narrow composition of the presidency of the Co-ordination Body shall adopt plans, operational programmes, decisions and working procedures of the Co-ordination Body.
- The extended composition of the presidency of the Co-ordination Body shall adopt the working strategy of the Co-ordination Body and follow its implementation.
- The working groups shall prepare proposals for decisions, plans, and operational programmes of the Co-ordination Body.
- The Director of the Service of the Co-ordination Body shall perform his/her functions in accordance with the Law on State Civil Servants (Art.33 Paragraph 1).

VI. The functioning of the Co-ordination Body cannot limit the rights and competences of the local self-governments as stipulated by the Constitution.

VII. The Co-ordination Body, following the harmonisation of positions regarding the Decision on the organisation and competences of the Co-ordination Body, shall develop the Operating Regulations of the Co-ordination Body.

Done in Belgrade on 27 March 2009

Signed:

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