Under Article 43, Para 1 of the Government Act («Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia», Nos. 55/05, 71/05 – amendment, 101/07 and 65/08), and in connection with the Government's Decision 05 No: 06-351/2001-2 of February 8, 2001, as well as with the Government's Decision 05 No: 30-7203/2003 of November 6, 2003,

the Government adopts the

## DECISION

## ON ORGANIZATION OF THE COORDINATION BODY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA FOR THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PRESEVO, BUJANOVAC AND MEDVEDJA

**1. Composition of the Coordination Body** - The Coordination Body of the Government of the Republic of Serbia for the Municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja (hereinafter referred to as the Coordination Body) shall have a narrow and an extended composition.

**2. Narrow composition of the Coordination Body** - The narrow composition of the Coordination Body includes the following persons: President of the Coordination Body, Deputy President of the Coordination Body, six Vice Presidents of the Coordination Body, Director of the Coordination Body's Office, Presidents of the Municipal Assemblies of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja and members of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia from Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja.

The function of Deputy President of the Coordination Body shall be alternatively performed by Mayors of Bujanovac and Presevo.

Mayors of Bujanovac and Presevo shall rotate at the position of Deputy President of the Coordination Body every year.

At the proposal of President of the Coordination Body, the Government shall appoint three Vice Presidents of the Coordination Body.

Mayors of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja shall be Vice Presidents of the Coordination Body by position.

Presidents of Municipal Assembly of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja shall be members of the narrower composition of the Coordination Body by position.

MPs from Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja shall be members of the narrow composition of the Coordination Body by position.

**3. Extended composition of the Coordination Body** - Apart from members of the narrow composition of the Coordination Body, the extended composition of the body includes members by position.

Members of the extended composition include Deputy Mayors of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja, Deputy Presidents of the Municipal Assemblies of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja,

Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Working Groups of the Coordination Body that are from the ranks of local self-governments.

A member of the Body's extended composition, by position, is a representative of the Roma ethnic community, who is appointed by the Roma National Council.

**4. Working Groups of the Coordination Body -** The Coordination Body has Working Groups that prepare draft decisions, plans and operational programs of the Coordination Body. Working Groups that shall be established are as follows: for economic and infrastructure development, for political and social integrations, for security and judiciary, for enhancing local self-governments' capacities and training for their sustainable development, for education, culture, information, youth and sports and for healthcare and social welfare policy.

Members of the working groups shall be appointed by President of the Coordination Body, at the proposal of the competent bodies.

Each working group shall have 12 members.

A working group also includes three members from the ranks of ministries, three members from the ranks of local self-governments of the municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja, who are appointed by President of the Coordination Body, at the proposal of the Municipal Assemblies of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja. The three members are proposed by groups of members of the local parliament, so that their proposal corresponds to the ethnic make-up of the municipality.

The work of every working group is managed by a member of the Coordination Body from the appropriate ministry, who is appointed by President of the Coordination Body.

Each working group has Deputy Chairman, who is from the ranks of the local selfgovernment and who is appointed by President of the Coordination Body.

The manner in which the working groups are to operate shall be regulated more fully by the Coordination Body's operating procedures.

**5.** Competence of the Coordination Body - President of the Coordination Body represents the Coordination Body, is in charge of its work and coordinates the tasks and duties of the governmental administration bodies, which are based on the government's decisions and on their implementation, which stem from the Program and the Coordination Body's decisions that were previously either adopted or approved by the government. President of the Coordination Body is appointed by the government.

President of the Coordination Body is responsible to the government for his/her work and for the work of the Coordination Body.

President of the Coordination Body submits reports on the Coordination Body's work to the government.

Deputy President of the Coordination Body helps and substitutes President of the Coordination Body (when he/she is prevented to do so) and coordinates the work of local self-governments concerning the jobs necessary for adoption and implementation of the Coordination Body's Program.

Members of the narrow composition of the Coordination Body adopt plans, operational programs, decisions and operational procedures of the Coordination Body.

Members of the extended composition of the Coordination Body adopt the strategy of the Coordination Body's work and follow up its implementation.

Working Groups prepare draft decisions, plans and operational programs of the Coordination Body.

Director of the Coordination Body's Office does his/her tasks and duties in accordance with the Law on Civil Servants.

6. The operation of the Coordination Body - The Coordination Body may not have an effect on limiting the rights and competencies of local self-governments, which are set in the constitution. The operation of the Coordination Body must be such that the goals set in the 2001 Federal and Republican Governments' Programs for the Municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja, the Agreement on Basic Principles of Holding Early Municipal Elections in South Serbia, which was signed in Belgrade on March 18, 2005, as well as in other strategic documents and action plans, are achieved.

Bearing in mind that a pluralistic and truly democratic society should provide appropriate conditions that make it possible for all communities to develop, maintain and express their identities, the Coordination Body shall work towards achieving a truly multiethnic and multi-confessional societies in Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja, which are based on democratic principles, including a full respect for human and minority rights, as well as the political rights and liberties of all citizens, in accordance with the highest standards.

The Coordination Body shall work on establishment of multiethnic governments in the municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja and on appropriate inclusion of members of the Albanian community in the governmental bodies and institutions, whereby a more efficient participation of members of the Albanian community in the decision-making process would be achieved.

**7. Operational Procedures** – The Coordination Body shall have its operational procedures.

The Coordination Body's operational procedures shall be jointly adopted by members of the narrow composition of the Coordination Body.

Decisions on the narrow and extended composition of the Coordination Body shall be made by consensus.

**8. Final provision** – Decision on the Organization of the Coordination Body of Serbia for the Municipalities of Presevo, Bujanovac and Medvedja ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia", No. 97/05) shall cease to exist on the date of coming of this decision into force.

This decision shall become effective eight days after it is published in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia."

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FIRST VICE PRIME MINISTER-DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

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