

**LAW No. 04/L-177  
ON OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENT OF THE KOSOVO SECURITY FORCE**

**Assembly of Republic of Kosovo,**

Based on Article 65 (1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo,

Approves

**LAW ON OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENT OF THE KOSOVO SECURITY FORCE**

**Article 1  
Purpose**

This Law shall regulate the procedures for the overseas deployment of the Kosovo Security Force (hereinafter KSF).

**Article 2  
Scope**

This Law shall set the authority and responsibilities of institutions when deploying the KSF contingent overseas as well as procedures for deployment to the peace support operations, humanitarian operations and overseas trainings and exercises, withdrawal and financing mode.

**Article 3  
Definitions**

1. Terms used in this Law shall have the following meaning:

1.1. **KSF members** - are considered active members and reserve members;

1.2. **KSF Contingent** – is considered a KSF unit established and prepared for overseas deployment consisting of active members, reserve and civilian personnel;

1.3. **Overseas Peace Support Operations** – refer to operations and activities, the purpose of which is to establish conditions for a sustainable peace;

1.4. **Overseas Humanitarian operations** – refer to operations of providing assistance in cases of humanitarian disasters, technical, technological or natural disasters which endanger the health and lives of the people, property and environment, as well as provision of assistance in cases of the destructions due to a war or terrorism;

1.5. **Overseas trainings and exercises** – refer to participation on individual trainings and exercises or group exercises of the KSF members, the purpose of which is to achieve operational readiness.

**Article 4  
Jurisdiction**

When serving beyond the limits of the territory of the Republic of Kosovo, KSF members are subject to the laws of the Republic of Kosovo and the host nation unless agreed otherwise in a Status of Forces Agreement.

**Article 5**  
**Preparations for Overseas Deployment**

1. The KSF members who are prepared, trained and equipped can be deployed to overseas operations.
2. Prior to overseas deployment, the KSF shall set the necessary trainings and standards for the safety of KSF members in accomplishing their operation. This training can be conducted outside the Republic of Kosovo, in any partner country or international organization.

**Article 6**  
**Overseas Deployment of KSF Contingent**

1. By provisions of this Law, overseas deployments of the KSF contingent and individual members are considered:
  - 1.1. Peace Support Operations;
  - 1.2. Humanitarian Operations;
  - 1.3. Trainings and Exercises.

**Article 7**  
**Peace Support Operations**

1. Deployment of the KSF contingent to peace support operations shall take place on the basis of an agreement with the host country or by an invitation of an international organization, or by the request of any member country international organizations, as well as by the United Nations Security Council Resolution.
2. The decision for the overseas deployment of the KSF contingent to peace support operations shall be taken by the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo based on the proposal of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo.
3. The President of the Republic of Kosovo shall authorize the deployment of KSF contingent to overseas peace support operations after the approval by the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo.
4. When mandated by the President, the Prime Minister in line with the authority of the Assembly shall have power to authorize the Minister of the KSF for overseas deployment of KSF contingent.

**Article 8**  
**Humanitarian Operations**

1. Deployment of the KSF contingent to overseas humanitarian operations shall take place on the basis of the request for assistance from the host country, based on an international agreement, or invitation by international organization, or by the request of any member country international organizations, as well as by the United Nations Security Council Resolution.
2. The decision for the deployment of the KSF contingent to overseas humanitarian operations shall be taken by the Government of the Republic of Kosovo based on the proposal of the Minister for the KSF or any other Minister of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, depending to whom the request is sent.

3. After receiving the decision by the Government, the President of the Republic of Kosovo shall authorize the deployment of KSF contingent and shall inform the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo.

4. Upon the authorization by the President, the Prime Minister shall authorize the Minister for the KSF to issue an order for the overseas deployment of KSF contingent.

#### **Article 9 Trainings and Exercises**

1. Deployment of the KSF contingent to overseas trainings and exercises shall take place by an invitation of the host country on the basis of a bilateral agreement or upon an invitation of an international organization.

2. The decision for the deployment of the KSF contingent to overseas trainings and exercises shall be taken by the Minister for the Security Force.

#### **Article 10 Replacement of KSF Contingent**

In cases when it is required continuation of mission of the KSF overseas deployment beyond the duration foreseen by the act of deployment, the decision shall be taken according to the procedures foreseen for deployment in Articles 7, 8 and 9 of this law.

#### **Article 11 Withdrawal of the KSF Contingent**

1. In cases when it is necessary to protect the interests of the Republic of Kosovo, the KSF contingent may be withdrawn at any time by the decision of the Assembly respectively the Government of the Republic of Kosovo.

2. Based on the decision of the Assembly or the Government of the Republic of Kosovo as in paragraph 1. of this Article, the President of the Republic of Kosovo shall authorize the withdrawal of the KSF contingent.

#### **Article 12 Notification**

If required, the President of the Republic of Kosovo in line with his / her authority shall notify the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo regarding the participation of the KSF contingent to overseas operations.

#### **Article 13 Responsibilities of the Ministries and other State Institutions**

Following the request from the Ministry for the Kosovo Security Force and the decision by the Government, ministries and other state institutions are obligated to provide assistance and services in deploying KSF contingent overseas.

#### **Article 14 Responsibilities of the Ministry for the Kosovo Security Force and the Kosovo Security Force**

1. Minister for the KSF is responsible:

1.1. to propose to the Government of the Republic of Kosovo plan and necessary finances for the KSF activities in overseas operations;

1.2. to decide on initiation of the planning process;

1.3. if required, to report on the deployment process to the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo.

2. Commander of the KSF is responsible for evaluating, organizing, training and equipping the KSF contingent in order to fulfill the requirements for overseas deployment.

3. Planning, preparations, training and replacement of the KSF contingent for overseas deployment shall be specified in internal regulations issued by the Minister for the Kosovo Security Force.

#### **Article 15 Financing**

1. The necessary financing for preparation, equipment, and deployment of the KSF contingent to overseas operations, trainings and exercises as set in Article 6 of this Law, including rights from paragraph 2. of this Article shall be provided by the Budget of the Republic of Kosovo.

2. KSF members shall be provided with transportation, necessary equipment, health insurance, life insurance, salaries, additional payments, food and accommodation as well as compensation for injury and death.

3. The implementation of paragraph 1. and 2. of this Article shall be regulated by a special legal act issued by the Government of the Republic of Kosovo.

4. The Minister for the KSF or the Minister for Foreign Affairs can negotiate with international organizations and individual countries for covering the expenses of the overseas operations, trainings and exercises.

#### **Article 16 Sub-legal Acts**

All sub-legal acts foreseeing by this Law shall be prepared and approved by the respective institutions within six (6) months from the day when this Law enters into force.

#### **Article 17 Repeal**

Upon entry into force of this Law all legal provisions that regulate this field are repealed.

#### **Article 18 Entry into force**

This Law shall enter into force fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette of Republic of Kosovo.

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**Promulgated by Decree No.DL-023-2013, dated 20.05.2013, President of the Republic of Kosovo Atifete Jahjaga.**