LAW NO. 08/L-017

ON THE AGENCY FOR PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION

The Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo;

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

Adopts:

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CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 Purpose

The purpose of this law is to regulate the status, the manner of organization, the powers of the Agency for the Prevention of Corruption, as an independent body specialized in the prevention of corruption.

Article 2 Scope

- 1. This law foresees the status and competencies of the Agency for the Prevention of Corruption, in relation to the imposition of the measures and sanctions, aimed at preventing corruption, strengthening the institutional integrity and transparency in the Republic of Kosovo, as well as monitoring the implementation of the state strategy.
- 2. Provisions of this law shall apply to public and private persons, in prevention of corruption, conflict of interest, protection of whistleblowers as well as the origin and control of wealth and gifts.

Article 3 Definitions

- 1. The terms used in this law shall have the following meaning:
 - 1.1. **Agency –** the Agency for the Prevention of Corruption;
 - 1.2. **Committee –** the relevant Committee of the Assembly of Kosovo that oversees the work of the Agency;
 - 1.3. **Administrative Investigation –** every action, inspection or verification undertaken by the Agency in accordance with Chapter IV of this Law;
 - 1.4. **Anti-corruption assessment of legal acts** the review of the form and substance of drafted or enacted legal acts in order to detect and minimize the risks of areas of corruption in legislation;
 - 1.5. **Corruption risk assessment** the process of identification of institutional risks that may facilitate corruption and recommend mitigation measures;

- 1.6. **Integrity Plan -** a document which is prepared as a result of the self-assessment of an institution's exposure to risk of occurrence and development of corruption and exposure to ethically and professionally not-acceptable acts;
- 1.7. Whistleblowers as defined by the relevant Law on Protection of Whistleblowers.
- 2. For the purpose of this law, the names of male gender mean the female gender too, and vice versa

CHAPTER II AGENCY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION

Article 4 Status and organizational structure of the Agency

- 1. The Agency is an independent and specialized body for the implementation of national policies for the prevention of corruption in Kosovo.
- 2. The organizational structure of the Agency is defined by the regulation on the internal organization, which is approved by the Director of the Agency.
- 3. Prior to the approval of the regulation from paragraph 2. of this Article, the Agency shall ensure its compliance with the requirements of the Law on Organization and Functioning of the State Administration and Independent Agencies.

Article 5 Responsibilities of the Agency

- 1. The Agency is responsible for:
 - 1.1. The implementation of the Law on Prevention of Conflict of Interest in Exercising Public Function, Law on Declaration, Origin and Control of Assets and Gifts and the Law on Protection of Whistleblowers, that include:
 - 1.1.1. overseeing and preventing cases of conflict of interest and takes measures provided for by the special law;
 - 1.1.2. overseeing the declaration of assets, as provided by the law;
 - 1.1.3. overseeing the receipt of gifts related to the performance of the official duty and undertakes measures, as provided by the law;
 - 1.1.4. providing opinions related to the conflict of interest and supervision of gifts related to the performance of the official duty;
 - 1.1.5. overseeing and taking necessary measures for the protection of whistleblowers.
 - 1.2. carrying out actions in the area of monitoring the action plan of the national anticorruption strategy, anti-corruption assessment of legal acts, corruption risk assessments, and integrity plans that include:
 - 1.2.1. providing professional and technical assistance, advice and support of initiatives, which are to be undertaken by the institutions for the prevention of corruption;
 - 1.2.2. providing recommendations for the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo and

the Government of the Republic of Kosovo for the assessment of draft laws related to the prevention of corruption when that is requested by these institutions or by the decision of the Director of the Agency;

- 1.2.3. monitoring the implementation of the National Strategy against Corruption along with the action plan;
- 1.2.4. cooperating with state institutions and civil society to raise public awareness for prevention of corruption;
- 1.2.5. developing and overseeing the risk assessment on corruption;
- 1.2.6. providing opinions on legal acts for the purpose of their approximation with international standards against corruption;
- 1.2.7. monitoring the implementation of integrity plans of public institutions;
- 1.3. conducting administrative investigation and undertaking actions on cases which fall within the competencies of the Agency;
- 1.4. referring criminal reports to the state prosecution office, or in case of administrative violation it forwards the case to the competent administrative body;
- 1.5. initiating minor offence proceedings from its scope of activity in accordance with the applicable law;
- 1.6. imposing fines and other measures in accordance with the relevant applicable legislation;
- 1.7. collecting, analyzing and publishing statistical data or other data related to the state of cases pertinent to the competencies of the Agency,
- 1.8. reporting to the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo on the work of the Agency;
- 1.9. preparing and proposing the annual budget of the Agency;
- 1.10. designing and implementing corruption prevention tools such as training, research, education and public awareness raising;
- 1.11. performing other duties as provided by the applicable legislation.

Article 6 Representation and cooperation of the Agency

- 1. The Agency may cooperate with national, international institutions and with civil society.
- 2. The Agency may participate in regional and international meetings related to prevention and fight against corruption and may participate in the process of negotiations for the conclusion of agreements for inter-institutional cooperation as foreseen by the applicable legislation.
- 3. The Agency shall cooperate with competent institutions of the Republic of Kosovo for the fulfillment of obligations arising from the international acts against corruption and provides recommendations for the fulfillment of their obligations.

Article 7 Budget of the Agency

1. The Agency shall draft its annual budget in accordance with the Law on Public Financial Management and Accountability.

2. The Agency shall decide independently on the use of budget, in accordance with the relevant applicable legislation.

Article 8 Independence during the exercise of competencies

During the exercise of their official duty, the officials of the Agency enjoy full independence and protection and no external pressure shall be imposed on them in relation to their duty or when taking certain specific actions in accordance with this law or other applicable laws.

Article 9 Director of the Agency

- 1. The Agency shall be managed by the Director.
- 2. The Director of the Agency shall not exercise any other function that may present conflict of interest with his function under the applicable law.

Article 10 Criteria for the election of the Director of the Agency

- 1. The candidate for the Director of the Agency should fulfill the following minimum criteria:
 - 1.1. to be a citizen of the Republic of Kosovo and have permanent residence in Kosovo;
 - 1.2. to have university degree or master's degree in the fields of law, public administration, economics, finance and political sciences;
 - 1.3. to have high professional reputation and personal integrity, including:
 - 1.3.1. not being subject to disciplinary measures in the last five (5) years;
 - 1.3.2. no indictment was filed against him for any offenses enumerated as Serious Crimes pursuant to the Criminal Procedure Code of the Republic of Kosovo;
 - 1.4. to not have been convicted by final decision for committing a criminal offense intentionally.
 - 1.5. in the last six (6) years has not exercised a function in political entities or has not been a candidate, elected or appointed in legislative or executive bodies at central and local level;
 - 1.6. shall have at least eight (8) years of professional work experience of which five (5) years of managerial experience.

Article 11 The Procedure for the election of the Director of the Agency

- 1. The procedure for the election of the Director of the Agency shall commence six (6) months before the expiry of the tenure of the Director.
- 2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1. of this Article, when the tenure ends before the expiry, as provided by this law, the procedure for the appointment of the Director shall commence within thirty (30) days from the day the position is vacant.
- 3. The Assembly shall make a vacancy announcement for the election of the Director of the Agency in printed and electronic media, in official languages. The deadline of the vacancy shall not be shorter than fifteen (15) days and not longer than twenty (20) days.

- 4. After the expiry of the deadline provided in paragraph 3. of this Article, the Committee within fifteen (15) days shall assess if the candidate meets the requirements to be appointed the Director of the Agency and shall disqualify the candidates who do not meet the requirements provided in the vacancy announcement.
- 5. The relevant Committee of the Assembly shall conduct interview with each candidate who meets the requirements to be elected a Director of the Agency. The committee based on the presented data and the results of the interview, shall prepare the short list of the candidates. The interview process is transparent and may be monitored by civil society and other interested parties.
- 6. The Committee shall propose to the Assembly two (2) candidates who have scored the highest. In case of equal scoring, only candidates ranked under first position shall be proposed to be voted to the Assembly, whilst in the case of equal scoring of candidates ranked under second position, all candidates ranked under first and second position shall be proposed to the Assembly.
- 7. The Assembly, by majority of votes of all deputies present and voting shall elect the Director of the Agency. The voting for election of the Director shall be secret.
- 8. The Director is appointed for a five (5) years mandate without the right of re-election.

Article 12 Responsibilities and competences of the director

- 1. The Director of the Agency has the following responsibilities:
 - 1.1. shall manage and organize the work of the Agency;
 - 1.2. shall oversee the work of staff of the Agency;
 - 1.3. shall represent the Agency inside and outside the country;
 - 1.4. shall manage the budget of the Agency and shall be responsible for the way it is spent, in accordance with the applicable legislation;
 - 1.5. shall issue decisions in line with the mandate and competencies of the Agency;
 - 1.6. shall conclude agreements of cooperation with institutions and national, regional and international organizations, in accordance with the applicable legislation;
 - 1.7. for the specific cases and when there is a lack of expertise within the agency, shall decide to hire external experts in accordance with the applicable legislation;
 - 1.8. shall exercise other duties as provided by the applicable legislation;
 - 1.9. shall issue and adopt sub-legal acts according to the mandate of the Agency, defied by the law.
- 2. In case of a temporary absence, the Director of the Agency shall authorize in writing the Director of the relevant Department for Administration to replace him.
- 3. The Director shall not accept any remuneration from the budget of the Government of Kosovo for any other work conducted within the regular working hours.

Article 13 The end of Director's tenure

- 1. The tenure of the Director of the Agency shall end:
 - 1.1. upon termination of the mandate as provided by this Law;
 - 1.2. upon the permanent loss of the ability to act in exercising his/her function;
 - 1.3. upon resignation;
 - 1.4. if punished by a final court judgment with the exception of criminal offences committed due to negligence;
 - 1.5. upon dismissal by the Assembly of Kosovo due to failure to fulfill the legal mandate;
 - 1.6. in case of appointment or election to another office upon the Director's consent;
 - 1.7. upon death.
- 2. If an indictment is filed against the Director, the Director shall be suspended in accordance with the law, pending the outcome of the case.
- 3. Upon regular termination of tenure, the Director is entitled to remuneration in lieu of salary for the period of three (3) months beginning from the end of the appointment, in the amount valid on the day of the end of the appointment. The right to remuneration shall cease before the expiry of three (3) months period if the ex-director concludes an employment contract or retires.

Article 14 Appointment and status of the Agency employees

- 1. Agency staff are considered public officials in accordance with the Law on Public Officials.
- 2. A special Code of Conduct shall be drafted for Agency employees, which shall be approved by the Director of ACA.

Article 15 Reporting on the Agency's work

- 1. The Agency shall present an annual work report for the period from 1 January until 31 December of the previous year to the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo at latest until March, 31st of the upcoming year.
- 2. The annual report shall at a minimum contain:
 - 2.1. executive summary;
 - 2.2. general description of the Agency, its legal framework and internal organization, budget, personnel and procurement;
 - 2.3. statistical and other data about the state of prevention of corruption pertinent to the competencies of the Agency;
 - 2.4. implementation of the anti-corruption legal framework and improvement of the existing anti-corruption legal framework;
 - 2.5. implementation of the Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan;

- 2.6. information on administrative investigations, information on the number of cases referred to the law enforcement and judicial authorities, including statistical information for dismissal from work, investigations, indictments and decision related to the cases referred by the agency, comparisons with previous years and analysis;
- 2.7. declaration, origin and control of property of senior public officials including statistical information, comparison with previous years and analysis;
- 2.8. acceptance of gifts relating to the performance of official duties;
- 2.9. prevention of conflicts of interest during the execution of public functions, including statistical information, comparison with previous years and analysis;
- 2.10. anti-corruption assessment of legal acts;
- 2.11. integrity plans;
- 2.12. cooperation with domestic institutions;
- 2.13. cooperation with international organizations and foreign institutions;
- 2.14. media activities;
- 2.15. public awareness activities;
- 2.16. requests for access to public information;
- 2.17. lessons learned and future priorities; or
- 2.18. issues on whistleblowing as foreseen with the relevant legislation.
- 3. The report from paragraph 1. and 2. of this Article will be published on the official website of the Agency upon submission to the Assembly.

CHAPTER III OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE OF THE AGENCY

Article 16 Committee

- 1. The Committee shall oversee the work of the Agency in line with the provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo.
- 2. The Committee, inter alia, shall have the following competencies:
 - 2.1. shall review the reports of the Agency;
 - 2.2. shall periodically oversee and assess the work of the Director of the Agency;
 - 2.3. shall initiate the procedure for the election and dismissal of the Director of the Agency;
 - 2.4. shall inspect and oversee property declared by the high officials of the Agency and shall look into the issues of the conflict of interest.
- 3. The Committee shall not have the right to intervene in any way in cases which are in the procedure of administrative investigation of the Agency.

- 4. The performance assessment of the Director is carried out entwined with the assessment of the annual reports of the Agency.
- 5. In cases where the Director fails to complete the legal mandate, the Committee shall initiate the process of terminating the mandate of the Director, based on a report with substantiated grounds and submit it to the Assembly for final approval.
- 6. For the purposes of paragraph 5. of this Article, failure to fulfill the legal mandate means only serious failures in the form of actions or omissions, or unjustifiable absence from work for more than six (6) months. Only exceptionally, the Director should be dismissed for a single action or omission that has led to very significant failures in the work of the Agency and has had serious negative consequences on the human rights of individuals or material position.

CHAPTER IV THE ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE

Article 17 Initiation of administrative investigations

- 1. The Agency may conduct an administrative investigation in cases that fall within its mandate.
- 2. An administrative investigation may be initiated:
 - 2.1. ex-officio:
 - 2.2. based on information received from natural or legal persons;
 - 2.2.1. based on anonymous information;
 - 2.2.2. based on public information;
 - 2.2.3. the failure of a person to comply with any of the legal requirements set forth in the laws within the scope of the Agency.
- 3. The administrative investigation file must contain:
 - 3.1. the reasoning for initiating the investigation;
 - 3.2. the date the administrative investigation was initiated;
 - 3.3. detailed summary of all actions and investigation gathered during the administrative investigation; and
 - 3.4. the results of the administrative investigation, including the date when the administrative investigation was concluded.
- 4. During the administrative investigation, the Agency may undertake the following actions:
 - 4.1. requests, collects, investigates and analyzes the documentation and other relevant information related to the case;
 - 4.2. requests relevant information from any relevant persons or institutions;
 - 4.3. conducts interviews with any persons who may have information relevant to the administrative investigation; and
 - 4.4. examines any circumstances related to the case.

- 5. If during the administrative investigation lead to a reasonable suspicion that the individuals subject to the administrative investigation have committed a criminal offense, the Agency shall immediately cease all investigation steps and completes a criminal report for referral to the relevant prosecution office.
- 6. In the event the administrative investigation according to the provisions of this Article, lead to a suspicion that the individuals subject to the investigation have committed disciplinary offense or misconduct, the Agency shall forward the case to the competent administrative body with the request for the initiation of the disciplinary procedure.
- 7. In the event that the administrative investigation lead to a suspicion that a minor offence has been committed, the agency initiates and conducts a minor offense procedure itself or refers it to the competent court in accordance with the relevant legislation in force.
- 8. The referral of cases from paragraphs 5-7 of this Article shall suspend any applicable statute of limitations set forth in Article 22 of this law.
- 9. The Agency shall adopt the Regulation on Administrative Investigation Procedure. This Regulation shall set the rules of procedures setting the manner of receiving and registering cases, internal distribution and reporting, managing the case, and archiving. The Regulation shall be widely accessible in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo and in the Agency's website.

Article 18 Cases of investigations referring to other bodies

- 1. The prosecution is at least obliged to notify the Agency if:
 - 1.1. the criminal report has been dismissed;
 - 1.2. the case has been successfully prosecuted; and
 - 1.3. the case has not been successfully prosecuted.
- 2. In case of dismissal of the criminal report, termination of the investigation or unsuccessful prosecution of the case, the Agency reopens and terminates the administrative investigation procedure.
- 3. Any institution accepting the case referred by the Agency is required to notify the agency of the termination of the administrative investigation by them and any action taken as a result of that investigation.
- 4. In case an institution does not take any action as a result of the case referred by the Agency, the latter reopens it and terminates the administrative investigation procedure itself.

Article 19 Reporting of cases

- 1. Whoever suspects there has been a violation of the laws falling within the competencies of the Agency may report such a case to the Agency. Reporting can, also, be done anonymously.
- 2. Paragraph 1. of this Article does not exclude the possibility of a person to report cases directly to other competent institutions.

Article 20 Obligation to submit information and documents to the Agency

1. Upon the request of the Agency, central and local bodies, public sector institutions, holders

of public authority and other public or private legal entities, shall submit to the Agency free of charge, within eight (8) days after such request, all data, including personal data and documents required for the performance of the Agency's duties, in accordance with the provisions of other laws.

- 2. If the authorities, natural and legal persons specified in paragraph 1. of this Article, do not reply to the Agency within the period and in the manner specified in that paragraph, the Agency shall inform the body that oversees the work of such authorities and persons in order to take measures, and may submit a special report to the Assembly of Kosovo.
- 3. If the authorities continue to refuse providing the requested information and documentation, the Agency shall impose measure in accordance with Article 23 of this Law.
- 4. If the authorities continue to refuse providing the requested information and documentations, the Agency shall notify the State Prosecutor or, in certain cases, the Police.
- 5. The documentation requested by the Agency, other institutions are obliged to provide it free of charge, unless expressly provided otherwise by the law.

Article 21 Request for information from individuals

- 1. Upon the request of the Agency for the performance of its duties, the employees in the public sector and the responsible persons of legal entities may be invited by the Agency to provide explanations and answers for the Agency.
- 2. Individuals under administrative investigation may be invited by the Agency to provide explanations and responses for the Agency.

Article 22 Conclusion of administrative investigation

- 1. The administrative investigation under Article 17 of this law, defined according to the competencies of the Agency, shall be concluded within a period of six (6) months from the moment the administrative investigation begins. Exceptionally, in special cases the Director of the Agency may permit extension of deadline for maximum of one (1) month.
- 2. The extension of the deadline for conclusion of the administrative investigation under paragraph 1. of this Article shall be reasoned in writing by the director and the reasoning shall be part of the case file.
- 3. Upon conclusion of the administrative investigation, the Agency shall issue a decision on closure of the case and shall impose measures or sanctions within the scope of the Agency.
- 4. The Agency is responsible for notifying the prosecution or relevant institutions of the actions taken by the Agency as a result of the case referred and returned pursuant to Article 18 of this law.

Article 23 Measures and Sanctions

- 1. The Agency has the authority to impose the following sanctions against natural and legal persons as well as institutions in accordance with the relevant legislation:
 - 1.1. fines;
 - 1.2. non-public reprimand;
 - 1.3. public reprimand;

- 1.4. publication of opinions.
- 2. When imposing fines from paragraph 1. of this Article, the parties have the right to appeal in accordance with the provisions of the applicable law. The decision on the appeal is final.

CHAPTER V STATE STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN AGAINST CORRUPTION

Article 24 State strategy and Action Plan against Corruption

- 1. The State strategy and action plan against corruption is drafted and approved by the Government of the Republic of Kosovo.
- 2. The Agency shall take part and provide professional assistance to the Government of Kosovo in drafting the State strategy and action plan against corruption.
- 3. The Agency shall monitor the implementation of the State strategy and action plan against corruption.
- 4. Public institutions that have obligations set out in the State Strategy and Action Plan against Corruption, report to the Agency twice a year on the status of implementation of actions arising from the State strategy and action plan against corruption.
- 5. In its annual report the Agency shall include the data related to the implementation of the State strategy and action plan against corruption.

Article 25 Integrity plan

- 1. Central administration bodies and independent agencies, as well as municipal authorities of Kosovo shall appoint the official responsible for managing the preparation and implementation of the integrity plan, adopt integrity plans in order to identify the sensitive processes of behaviors and actions that may be corruptive.
- 2. The integrity plans shall be issued by the public institutions during the period of six (6) months after entry into force of the sub-legal acts provided in this law.
- 3. The integrity plan shall contain:
 - 3.1. a self-assessment on the exposure of the institution to corruption and other forms of violation of integrity;
 - 3.2. information on the scope of work of the institution and human resources engaged in the institution;
 - 3.3. types of risks of corruption and other forms of violation of integrity;
 - 3.4. existing control measures;
 - 3.5. prevention measures for reduction of the risk of corruption and other forms of violation of integrity and deadlines for their application;
 - 3.6. information on the person responsible for the management of drafting and implementation of the integrity plan;
 - 3.7. other data, in accordance with the instructions for drafting and implementation of the integrity plan.

- 4. The Agency shall take part in drafting of integrity plans as required by the institutions, as well as in monitoring the implementation of the integrity plans.
- 5. Integrity plans are submitted to the Agency, thirty (30) days after approval by the institution. Integrity plans are three (3) year plans and are updated by the institution every year.
- 6. The uniform methodology and instructions for preparation and implementation of integrity plan shall be determined by a sub-legal act issued by the Director of the Agency. The bylaw shall be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo and shall enter into force after its publication in the Official Gazette.
- 7. The Agency shall provide recommendations for amending and supplementing the integrity plans and their implementation in the institution.

Article 26 Corruption risk assessment

- 1. The Agency shall make the corruption risk assessment in various fields or sectors.
- 2. The Agency shall make risk assessments in the fields or sectors that are considered particularly exposed to risks of corruption and in fields or sectors, suggested by the public organizations, whereby such suggestions are not binding for the Agency.
- 3. After the conduct of risk assessment, the Agency shall submit the report to organizations and institutions involved and publishes it, unless otherwise defined by the law. The Agency shall also inform the body that supervises the work of those authorities.
- 4. The risk assessment methodology shall be provided by a sub-legal act approved by the Director of the Agency.

Article 27 Assessment of legal acts against corruption

- 1. During the procedures of drafting the draft laws and draft bylaws, the proposing body may submit a request to the Agency to assess risks and gaps that may potentially increase corruption and if the draft is in line with international anti-corruption standards.
- 2. The Agency may request their involvement at the Government or Assembly working groups on its own initiative.
- 3. The deadlines for reviewing draft normative acts shall be in accordance with the deadlines set by the Rules of Procedure of the Government, respectively the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, depending on the institution to which the Agency's opinion is addressed.
- 4. The opinion issued by the Agency is of an advisory nature and non-binding.
- 5. If during the preliminary consultation procedure, as set out in the Rules of Procedure of the Government and that of the Assembly, the relevant authorities have not incorporated the Agency's recommendations, the latter may publish its opinions on the Agency's website.
- 6. On its own initiative the Agency may give an opinion to the authorities sponsoring the legislation and to the responsible implementing authorities for their review, based on the criteria specified in this article also for draft laws, draft sub-legal acts, legal acts and sub-legal acts which are still applicable.
- 7. The methodology for the assessment of potentials for corruption in legislation shall be determined by a sub-legal act adopted by the Director of the Agency.

CHAPTER VI PUBLICATION, DATA PROTECTION, DATA PRESERVATION AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

Article 28 Data preservation

- 1. The officials of the Agency, every person employed by the Agency, as well as all persons who become aware of official secrecy during the cooperation with the Agency, are obliged to keep it as a classified information any information that they have learned during the exercise of their duties, which is considered confidentiality of official information, in accordance with the relevant applicable law.
- 2. For the purpose of this law, the classified official information is considered:
 - 2.1. information regarding the personal data of individuals who are or have been the subject of an administrative investigation by the Agency;
 - 2.2. personal data of case reporters if that is required by reporters;
 - 2.3. other information the publication of which may impair the process of administrative investigations.
- 3. The Agency shall protect the data, information and documentation obtained on the basis of this law and in accordance with the provisions of applicable legislation.

CHAPTER VII TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 29 Transitional provisions

- 1. The legal provisions of Law No. 03/L-159 on Anti-Corruption Agency related to the calculation of the five (5) year tenure of the Director of the Agency shall remain in force until the expiry of the five (5) year term for the current Director.
- 2. All referrals to the Law on Anti-corruption Agency and Law Against Corruption in any applicable law or sub-legal act shall mean the referral to the provisions of this Law.
- 3. All referrals to the Anti-Corruption Agency related to any applicable law or bylaw shall mean referral to the Agency for the Prevention of Corruption, to the extent permitted by the scope provided in this law.
- 4. All cases that were initiated under the Law No.03/L-159 on Anti-Corruption Agency shall be proceeded according to the existing mandate of the Agency at the time of initiation of the case.
- 5. Until the adoption of the Law on Salaries, the Director of the Agency has a salary equal to the salary of the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee of the Assembly of Kosovo.

Article 30 Sub-legal acts

- 1. The sub-legal acts provided in this Law shall be issued within a period of one (1) year after the entry into force of this Law.
- 2. During the process of drafting sub-legal acts provided in this law, the Agency shall consult the relevant and public institutions.

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3. Until the adoption of the sub-legal acts provided in this law, all sub-legal acts issued by the Agency shall remain in force provided they are not in contradiction with the provisions of this Law.

Article 31 Repeal

- 1. With entry into force of this law shall be repealed:
 - 1.1. Law No. 03/L-159 on Anti-Corruption Agency; and
 - 1.2. Law No. 2004/34 Against Corruption.

Article 32 Entry into force

- 1. This law shall enter into force fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo.
- 2. Exceptionally from paragraph 1. of this Article, Articles 25, 26 and 27 of this law shall apply six (6) months after the entry into force of this law.

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