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MLGA has evidenced 3 legal violations in neighbouring Municipal Assemblies of Prizren

Neighbouring Municipal Assemblies of Prizren, during this year, in certain cases, have made decisions that are not in accordance with the legislation in force. Based on the assessments of the Ministry of Local Government Administration, it can be noted that in MA of Suharekë, Malishevë and Rahovec are evidenced legal violation, one violation each, whereas in MA of Mamushë, Dragash and Shtërpçë were not evidenced such cases.

According to the information obtained by the MLGA, Municipal Assembly of Malishevë, even though it received a letter from the minister, did not harmonize her act in accordance with the request of the Ministry concerned, but has reaffirmed the decision adopted earlier. Whereas, the MA of Suhareka has not yet returned the violation for reviewing, while the MA of Rahovec still has time to reconsider the illegal decision.

MLGA has clarified that during the monitoring of MA of Suhareka and assessment of the legality of municipal acts, during this year, the joint committee of MLGA and MF sent back an act for review, namely the Regulation on tariffs, taxes and fines of municipal services and activities 01 No. 16-9856 dated 30 September 2015.

MLGA in its response stated “Municipality of Suhareka has not yet sent for review this violation and to align it according to the request of the monitoring body”.

MLGA has sent back for review the Decision 02/268 of the MA of Malishevë, relating the adoption of the declaration to oppose the Association of the Serb Majority Municipalities.

MLGA announced, “Municipal Assembly of Malishevë, on 30.10.2015, has reviewed it, an act that was not aligned according to the request of MLGA. But the Municipality has reaffirmed the decision adopted earlier”.

Whereas, MLGA has sent back for review the Decision 01 No. 94/2015 of the Municipality of Rahovec on transfer of socially owned property, adopted in the MA meeting, held on 28 September 2015.

In the response of this ministry, it is stated “MLGA has sent the letter of the municipality for review on 26 October 2015. It is expected that the Municipality of Rahovec, within the legal time limit of 30 days to review and harmonize the decision, pursuant to the MLGA request”.

Meanwhile the MA of Suhareka and Rahovec, through public notices, have indicated that the above decisions that do not comply with applicable legislation shall be reviewed within few days, at the next session to be held by the end of November.

On the other hand, during the assessment of the legality of acts of Municipalities of Mamusha, Dragash and Shtërpçë, MLGA has announced that they did not find any violation.

Based on these data, EC Ma Ndryshe considers that the abovementioned Municipal Assemblies should be more responsible when making decisions. Also reminds that the Municipal Assembly is the highest representative body at the local level and that all members of the MA swear that will perform their duties and exercise their powers pursuant to the law.

Therefore, EC Ma Ndryshe, as MA of the major municipalities of Kosovo, recommends the MA's of the neighbouring municipalities of Prizren, after receiving assessments from the central level, within shortest time limit, to review the acts that do not comply with the legislation in force and to harmonize them in the same line with the instructions received from the MLGA.

In addition, we urge the aforementioned MA's, to engage in improving their reputation, by sincerely engaging to improve the quality of life of the citizens and the overall development of the respective municipalities.

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With respect,

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