

Republic of Kosovo
President of the Republic

WHEREAS, the Independence of Kosovo has been formally declared; and

WHEREAS, our new state should be based upon democratic principals memorialized in a Constitution; and

WHEREAS, a Constitutional Working Group was previously appointed by me in consultation with our Assembly Presidency and in cooperation with our international friends; and

WHEREAS, the Constitutional Working Group has been assisted a lot by the experts of the International Civilian Office Preparation Team; and

WHEREAS, the Constitutional Working Group has consulted with and involved in this process members of the Serb community to the extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the Constitutional Working Group has worked tirelessly and diligently to prepare a draft of a modern and democratic constitution for the Republic of Kosovo; and

WHEREAS, the Constitutional Working Group has completed its draft Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Constitutional Working Group should be formally declared to be the Constitutional Commission of Kosovo;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fatmir Sejdiu, President of the Republic of Kosovo, do hereby take the decision and proclaim the Constitutional Commission of Kosovo in the following composition:

Hajredin Kuqi, *Chairperson*

Nekibe Kelmendi, *Deputy Chairperson*

Arsim Bajrami

Eqrem Kryeziu

Lirije Osmani

Fatmir Fehmiu

Kadri Kryeziu

Iljaz Ramajli

Skënder Hyseni

Bajram Latifi

Blerim Shala

Ramadan Kelmedeni

Ramë Manaj

Riza Smaka

Jakup Krasniqi

Gjyljeta Mushkolaj

Mahir Yagcilar

Xhevdet Neziri

NOW, THEREFORE, I declare that the Constitutional Commission will continue cooperating with members of the Serb community in Kosovo in informal way for the purpose taking into account opinions of this community during this process and reflecting their interests in this Constitution;

THEREFORE, I FURTHER declare that the Draft Constitution prepared by the Constitutional Working Group be adopted by the Commission as its draft and immediately shared with the citizens of the Republic of Kosovo for their consideration and comment. Final Draft Constitution shall be submitted to the President of the Republic of Kosovo, who will forward this draft to the Assembly of Kosovo.

Prishtinë, 19 February 2008

(signed)

Dr. Fatmir Sejdiu

President of the Republic of Kosovo