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**ON THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE PROVISIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF
SELF-GOVERNMENT IN KOSOVO**

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General,

Pursuant to the authority given to him under United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999,

Taking into account United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) Regulation No. 1999/1 of 25 July 1999, as amended, on the Authority of the Interim Administration in Kosovo,

In conformity with UNMIK Regulation No. 2001/9 of 15 May 2001 on a Constitutional Framework for Provisional Self-Government in Kosovo,

For the purpose of setting out a legal framework for the Government that shall exercise the executive authority within the scope of responsibility of the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government to be established through participation of the people of Kosovo in free and fair elections,

Hereby promulgates the following:

Section 1
General Provisions

1.1 The Executive Branch of the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government shall consist of the Prime Minister and Ministers (the "Government") and the Ministries under their authority.

1.2 The Prime Minister shall head the Office of the Prime Minister which shall have the status of a Ministry. The Office of the Prime Minister shall liaise with the Assembly and co-ordinate the work of all other Ministries.

1.3 Each Minister shall, in accordance with policies set by the Government:

- (a) Lead and represent his or her Ministry;
- (b) Be accountable to the Assembly for matters concerning his or her Ministry;
- (c) Set the political direction for the work of the Ministry;
- (d) Issue decisions and administrative instructions in order to regulate the activities of the Ministry in general or its particular fields of activity;

(e) Carry out other tasks within the framework of the Ministry's responsibilities as determined by legislation; and

(f) Report to the Assembly on a periodic basis, as well as at the request of the Assembly, on the activities of the Ministry, including the use of all funds received.

1.4 Each Minister may be assisted by up to five advisers who shall have the status of political appointees and shall not be members of the Civil Service.

1.5 Each Ministry shall have as its staff such members of the Civil Service, including a Permanent Secretary who shall serve as its chief officer, as may be required to enable the Ministry to fulfill its functions as authorized in the Budget for the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government.

1.6 Each Ministry under the authority of the relevant Minister shall be responsible for the implementation of the Government's policy in its respective area of competence. Under the authority of the relevant Minister, Ministries shall prepare legislative and other acts, shall make policy recommendations and shall implement legislation in force within their areas of competence. Ministries may receive instructions in this regard from the Government, in accordance with the provisions of UNMIK Regulation No. 2001/9 of 15 May 2001 on a Constitutional Framework for Provisional Self-Government in Kosovo ("Constitutional Framework for Provisional Self-Government") and pursuant to the responsibilities and functions set out in the present regulation for each Ministry.

1.7 In carrying out their responsibilities and functions, Ministers shall ensure that their respective Ministries:

(a) Formulate clear priorities for the allocation of resources to be made available from the Budget for the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government and other sources;

(b) Ensure the most appropriate, cost-effective, transparent and accountable allocation of funds received from the Budget for the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government and other sources;

(c) Ensure that reliable services are provided in a transparent and accountable manner not discriminating against ethnic or social origin, race, gender, disability, religion, political or other opinion;

(d) Establish and implement anti-fraud and anti-corruption measures, as well as promote general fraud awareness;

(e) Develop and maintain appropriate systems, procedures and processes to support the ministerial functions;

(f) Develop human resources and capacity building in the respective areas of responsibility;

(g) Design and implement a management information system so that all decisions, policies and processes rest upon a sound and up-to-date basis of accurate data; and

(h) Address the needs of vulnerable groups and other persons within the population who may be at risk.

Section 2

The Office of the Prime Minister and other Ministries

The Office of the Prime Minister

2.1 The Office of the Prime Minister shall have a section which includes political advisers and, in addition, shall encompass the following offices having responsibilities and functions as set out in Annex I to the present regulation:

- (a) Office of Legal Support Services;
- (b) Office of Public Information;
- (c) Advisory Office on Good Governance, Human Rights, Equal Opportunity and Gender;
- (d) Advisory Office on Communities; and
- (e) Senior Public Appointments Committee.

Other Ministries

2.2 The following Ministries having responsibilities and functions, as set out in relevant annexes to the present regulation, shall be established:

- (a) Ministry of Finance and Economy (Annex II);
- (b) Ministry of Trade and Industry (Annex III);
- (c) Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (Annex IV);
- (d) Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports (Annex V);
- (e) Ministry of Health, Environment and Spatial Planning (Annex VI);
- (f) Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare (Annex VII);
- (g) Ministry of Transport and Communications (Annex VIII);
- (h) Ministry of Public Services (Annex IX); and
- (i) Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development (Annex X).

Section 3 **Executive Agencies**

3.1 The following Executive Agencies established by law shall operate within the Ministries to which they are attached, under the authority of the Minister concerned:

- (a) Kosovo Drug Regulatory Authority (Ministry of Health, Environment and Spatial Planning);
- (b) Kosovo Statistical Office (Ministry of Public Services); and
- (c) Kosovo Cadastral Agency (Ministry of Public Services).

3.2 The Executive Agencies specified above, and such other Executive Agencies as may be established by law, shall have responsibilities and functions as set out in the establishing legislation. The budgets of Executive Agencies shall be provided by the Ministry to which they are attached.

3.3 An Executive Agency shall be headed by a chief executive officer and its staff shall be members of the Civil Service.

Section 4 **General Principles of the Civil Service**

4.1 There shall be a provisional Kosovo Civil Service, which shall be governed by the legislation regulating the Civil Service.

4.2 Members of the Civil Service shall be recruited from all the communities of Kosovo on the grounds of professional qualification, competence and merit after fair and open competition. The non-majority community representation in the composition of the Civil Service at all levels shall be closely proportionate to the representation of non-majority communities in the Assembly.

4.3 Members of the Civil Service shall have the right to belong to political parties, trade unions and other organizations, but shall abstain from active involvement in political activity.

4.4 All members of the Civil Service shall be bound by the Civil Service Code.

Section 5 **The Permanent Secretaries of the Ministries and the Chief Executive Officers of the Executive Agencies**

Appointment

5.1 The Permanent Secretaries of the Ministries and chief executive officers of the Executive Agencies shall be appointed by the Senior Public Appointments Committee. Such officials shall have the necessary competence, experience and high personal integrity to manage the resources for which they are responsible.

5.2 The terms of appointment and the conditions of service of the Permanent Secretaries of the Ministries and chief executive officers of the Executives Agencies shall be established pursuant to the legislation regulating the Civil Service.

5.3 The Permanent Secretaries of the Ministries and chief executive officers of the Executives Agencies may be removed from office only on the grounds of professional incompetence or misconduct or after being convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to serve a prison term of six months or more.

Functions and Responsibilities

5.4 The Permanent Secretaries of the Ministries shall be directly accountable to the relevant Minister. The chief executive officers of Executive Agencies shall be directly accountable to the relevant Minister or other authority as may be set out in the legislation establishing the Executive Agency concerned. The Permanent Secretaries of the Ministries and the chief executive officers of Executive Agencies shall be responsible respectively for:

- (a) The overall administration and management of the Ministry or Executive Agency and ensuring that the functions entrusted to it are implemented;
- (b) Providing the proper guidance and accurate, impartial and expert advice to the appropriate authority over him or her;
- (c) Staffing and organizing the Ministry or Executive Agency and issuing decisions and administrative instructions on any matters pertaining to its functions;
- (d) The effective and efficient management of resources provided to the Ministry or Executive Agency;
- (e) Implementing non-discriminatory personnel policies within the Ministry or Executive Agency, including equitable gender representation, in all areas and levels and ensuring that the composition of the personnel reflects the multi-ethnic character of Kosovo; and
- (f) Ensuring that recruitment of the staff for the Ministry or Executive Agency is based on professional qualification, competence and merit and is undertaken through fair and open competition.

5.5 A Permanent Secretary or a chief executive officer shall not take instructions from any government, organization, institution or person except those having authority over his or her Ministry or Executive Agency.

5.6 The Permanent Secretary or the chief executive officer shall designate the financial authorizing officer for his or her Ministry or Executive Agency and shall ensure compliance with such decisions, administrative instructions and financial rules as may be issued in this regard by the Ministry of Finance and Economy, or other appropriate authorities.

Section 6

Transitional Arrangements

6.1 The Special Representative of the Secretary-General may take such measures as may be required to enhance the effectiveness of the Executive Branch of the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government, including transitional arrangements to facilitate the transfer of powers and responsibilities to such institutions.

6.2 The Special Representative of the Secretary-General may assign international and other personnel to Ministries and Executive Agencies to perform such functions as he judges appropriate and necessary.

6.3 The Special Representative of the Secretary-General may, after consultations with the Prime Minister and relevant members of the Government, instruct the Ministries and Executive Agencies to carry out such functions and duties as the Special Representative of the Secretary-General may require.

Section 7

Authority of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General

The exercise of the responsibilities conferred upon the Executive Branch of the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government pursuant to the present regulation shall not in any way affect or diminish the ultimate authority of Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), including powers and responsibilities reserved to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General under the Constitutional Framework for Provisional Self-Government. The Special Representative of the Secretary-General shall have the final authority to interpret the scope and any other parameters of the executive responsibilities of the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government set out in the present regulation.

Section 8

Implementation

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General may issue administrative directions for the implementation of the present regulation.

Section 9

Entry into Force

The present regulation shall enter into force on 13 September 2001.

Hans Haekkerup
Special Representative of the Secretary-General

Annex I

The Office of the Prime Minister

The Prime Minister will be assisted by a section which includes political advisers of his or her selection. This section will be responsible for providing assistance to the Prime Minister in defining the general lines of policy of the Government and in coordinating its work. In addition, the Office of the Prime Minister shall encompass the following Offices:

A. *Office of Legal Support Services*

The Office shall:

- (i) Provide legal guidance, advisory services and expertise to the Executive Branch and other Provisional Institutions of Self-Government; and
- (ii) Review all draft legislation to be submitted by the Executive Branch to the Assembly to ensure consistency with the applicable law in consultation with the Advisory Office on Good Governance, Human Rights, Equal Opportunity and Gender, and the Advisory Office on Communities, as appropriate.

B. *Office of Public Information*

The Office shall:

- (i) Ensure the openness and transparency of the work of the Executive Branch through the provision of information and documents to the general public and the media;
- (ii) Inform the public about the work and decisions of the Executive Branch through press conferences and issuing press releases;
- (iii) Ensure that the position of the Executive Branch is represented in public announcements, public information campaigns, press releases and media appearances by members of the Executive Branch through coordination with the bodies within the Executive Branch; and
- (iv) Liaise with the local and international press on matters related to the Executive Branch.

C. *Advisory Office on Good Governance, Human Rights, Equal Opportunity and Gender*

The Office shall:

- (i) Oversee and advise the Ministries in the areas of good governance, human rights, equal opportunity and gender;

- (ii) Develop policy and issue guidelines in the areas of good governance, human rights, equal opportunity and gender equality;
- (iii) Review draft legislation prepared by the Executive Branch for compliance with applicable human rights standards and practices of good governance in coordination with the Office of Legal Support Services; and advise and make recommendations to the Prime Minister and relevant Ministers accordingly;
- (iv) Review Executive Branch policies, procedures and practices for consistency with applicable human rights standards, practices of good governance and equal opportunity; and advise and make recommendations to the Prime Minister and relevant Ministers accordingly;
- (v) Assist in the development and implementation of public information campaigns and other promotional schemes to promote public awareness of international human rights standards, transparency in governance, gender equality, equal opportunity and other principles basic to democratic governance;
- (vi) Consult with community representatives, and develop consultative bodies as needed, to address good governance, human rights, equal opportunity and gender issues;
- (vii) Facilitate the development of gender sensitive policies and work for the advancement of the status of women, in conjunction with civil society;
- (viii) Monitor anti-fraud and anti-corruption activities in the Executive Branch and promote fraud awareness;
- (ix) Promote democratic decision-making and broad-based consultation within the Government;
- (x) Encourage public participation in governance;
- (xi) Issue observations and recommendations; and
- (xii) Review, where appropriate, files and documents of the Government within the scope of the Office's functions and responsibilities, subject to authorization by the Prime Minister.

D. *Advisory Office on Communities*

The Office shall:

- (i) Monitor the state of community rights and interests and recommend to the Government measures to address community issues;
- (ii) Review draft legislation prepared by the Executive Branch for compliance with the provisions of Chapter 4 of the Constitutional Framework for Provisional Self-Government in coordination with the Office of Legal Support

Services; and advise and make recommendations to the Prime Minister and relevant Ministers accordingly;

- (iii) Review Executive Branch policies, procedures and practices for consistency with the provisions of Chapter 4 of the Constitutional Framework for Provisional Self-Government and for an equitable distribution of public sector jobs, public services, and public funds to all communities; and advise and make recommendations to the Prime Minister and relevant Ministers accordingly;
- (iv) Monitor Executive Branch's consideration of and action on the recommendations and written opinions made by the Committee on the Rights and Interests of Communities regarding proposed legislation; and advise the Prime Minister and relevant Ministers;
- (v) Monitor proceedings initiated under paragraphs 9.1.39 and 9.1.40 of the Constitutional Framework for Provisional Self-Government and advise the Prime Minister and relevant Ministers on matters regarding such proceedings;
- (vi) Liaise with municipalities and non-governmental bodies on issues related to community rights and interests;
- (vii) Assist in the development and implementation of public information campaigns and other promotional schemes to increase public awareness of the rights and interests of communities; and
- (viii) Propose policy guidelines for the rights and interests of communities.

E. *Senior Public Appointments Committee*

The Committee shall:

- (i) Be organized and function in accordance with rules and procedures to be set out in a subsequent regulation;
- (ii) Be chaired by the Prime Minister and have as its members:
 - (a) The Minister of Public Services;
 - (b) The Minister under whom the candidate for appointment would serve;
 - (c) The two Ministers from non-Kosovo Albanian communities;
 - (d) Three eminent inhabitants of Kosovo to be appointed by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General; and
 - (e) Three international members to be appointed by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General;
- (iii) Have secretariat services provided by the Ministry of Public Services;

- (iv) Appoint:
 - (a) The Permanent Secretaries of the Ministries;
 - (b) The chief executive officers of the Executives Agencies; and
 - (c) Such other posts as may be decided by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General; and
- (v) In consultation with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, remove the above officials solely on grounds of professional incompetence or misconduct or after having been convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to serve a prison term of six months or more.

Annex II

Ministry of Finance and Economy

The Ministry shall:

- (i) Coordinate the development and ensure the execution of a balanced annual budget for the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government;
- (ii) Develop multi-annual budgets and longer term public investment programs for and in coordination with the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government;
- (iii) Coordinate with relevant Provisional Institutions of Self-Government and, where appropriate, with multilateral and bilateral donors on matters relating to donor financing and grant contributions;
- (iv) Ensure the effective and transparent use of donor funds in accordance with agreed purposes;
- (v) Ensure that all revenue and other sources of funds of the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government, including voluntary contributions, are recorded according to budget rules;
- (vi) Coordinate with the UNMIK Customs Service on administrative and operational matters;
- (vii) Perform economic analysis and research functions;
- (viii) Record and report to the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government and the Economic and Fiscal Council on the expenditures and revenues of the budget of the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government;
- (ix) Monitor compliance of the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government with applicable rules and procedures for public expenditure, including public procurement without prejudice to the powers of the Office of the Auditor-General;
- (x) Promote anti-fraud and anti-corruption activities in the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government, as well as general fraud awareness; and
- (xi) Ensure the adoption and implementation of standards of accounting in the public and private sector, consistent with relevant international accounting standards.

Annex III

Ministry of Trade and Industry

The Ministry shall:

- (i) Develop framework conditions for trade, industry and commerce;
- (ii) Develop policies and implement legislation to encourage fair competition;
- (iii) Develop policies and implement legislation and programs for promoting industrial and commercial enterprises, particularly small and medium enterprises;
- (iv) Develop policies for private sector development;
- (v) Develop policies and implement programs for promoting external trade;
- (vi) Develop policies and implement legislation to facilitate tourism in Kosovo;
- (vii) Promote investment in Kosovo, in particular through the provision of information to potential investors, matching potential investors with local partners, assisting investors in obtaining necessary permits and authorizations and compiling and publishing foreign investment data;
- (viii) Make recommendations on issues relating to privatization;
- (ix) Develop and promote programs for the conservation of energy;
- (x) Encourage sustainable development of the mining sector; and
- (xi) Administer the business registration system.

Annex IV

Ministry of Education, Science and Technology

The Ministry shall:

- (i) Develop policies and implement legislation for the development of education, including higher education, and science in Kosovo;
- (ii) Promote a non-discriminatory educational system in which each person's right to education is respected and quality learning opportunities are available to all;
- (iii) Extend non-formal education and adult education on all levels, including remote areas, and promote life-long learning opportunities for all;
- (iv) Design, implement and supervise equitable and effective forms of educational administration and school management;
- (v) Improve the quality, relevance and efficiency of education at all levels;
- (vi) Facilitate the development and qualitative improvement of the education system and the efficient delivery of educational services;
- (vii) Promote research related to the social, economic, scientific, technological and cultural development of Kosovo;
- (viii) Develop a comprehensive library system, which will include general, special and school libraries;
- (ix) Promote an inclusive policy for the integration of impaired and disabled persons into the educational system; and
- (x) Promote parental and community participation in educational activities and appropriate forms of school-community partnership at the local level.

Annex V

Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports

The Ministry shall:

- (i) Develop policies and implement legislation for the promotion of the culture sector, including programs for the protection of cultural heritage, the promotion of cultural links and the formation of cultural clubs, groups and associations;
- (ii) Develop policies and strategies for the youth sector, including the identification of specific at-risk youth groups, the development of programs to address their needs and the promotion of youth clubs, groups and associations;
- (iii) Develop policies and implement legislation for the formation and functioning of sports organizations, associations, clubs and groups;
- (iv) Foster and facilitate communication and contacts between persons and cultural organizations through activities such as development, dissemination, and exchange of informational, cultural, educational and other materials;
- (v) Promote cultural, sports and youth activities and links with members of all ethnic, religious or linguistic communities, including those temporarily or permanently living outside of Kosovo (“non-residents”); and
- (vi) Liaise with established networks of non-residents, which address the cultural needs of Kosovo migrants and returnees.

Annex VI

Ministry of Health, Environment and Spatial Planning

The Ministry shall:

- (i) Develop policies and implement legislation for a non-discriminatory and accountable healthcare system;
- (ii) Coordinate activities in the health sector and in the field of environmental protection in order to promote the coherent development of health and environmental protection policies;
- (iii) Develop norms and standards and issue guidelines for the health sector and in the field of environmental protection with due regard to relevant international standards;
- (iv) Oversee adherence to such standards, including, where appropriate, conducting inspections and other services;
- (v) Monitor the health situation and implement appropriate measures to prevent and control healthcare problems;
- (vi) Manage the use and development of the infrastructure relating to healthcare and environmental protection which falls under the responsibility of the Ministry;
- (vii) Promote community participation and the development of community initiatives and activities relating to health and environmental protection;
- (viii) Develop policies, implement legislation and oversee activities for the protection of the environment including water resources, air, soil and biodiversity;
- (ix) Participate in the development and implementation of public information campaigns and other promotional schemes to increase public awareness and compliance with health and environmental protection standards;
- (x) Monitor and assess the state of the environment, particularly the impact of the activities of industry, public utilities and economic activity as they relate to environmental protection;
- (xi) Encourage the development of health and environmental education to foster knowledge and competence in the fields of health and environmental protection;
- (xii) Develop policies for the management of water resources and oversee their implementation;

- (xiii) Promote the development, implementation and transfer of clean technologies;
- (xiv) Identify, in coordination with other relevant Ministries, areas to be protected for the benefit of the public, and develop policies and implement measures for their conservation and administration;
- (xv) Ensure the incorporation of Kosovo-wide spatial planning in the policies and programs of the Government and oversee their implementation by relevant authorities; and
- (xvi) Oversee, in coordination with the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development, quality control services of food and agricultural inputs for the purpose of protecting consumers.

Annex VII

Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare

The Ministry shall:

- (i) Develop labour and social welfare policies and implement legislation in these areas;
- (ii) Promote and develop non-discriminatory labour relations and employment, taking into account applicable international labour standards;
- (iii) Monitor the employment and social welfare situation and propose appropriate measures to increase employment and reduce unemployment and to meet the social assistance needs;
- (iv) Promote labour and social welfare policies and practices for the protection of families and minors;
- (v) Develop labour safety standards and oversee their implementation;
- (vi) Direct and supervise labour and social welfare administration institutions, such as the Kosovo Office of Employment, and, in cooperation with the municipalities, the social welfare offices and other institutions involved in the implementation of labour and social welfare policies;
- (vii) Provide training programmes for the unemployed and job seekers to improve their employability;
- (viii) Encourage social dialogue, as well as the participation in such dialogue of the social partners (unions and employers and their organizations) and communities;
- (ix) Encourage the development of community initiatives and activities related to employment and social welfare;
- (x) Convene a tripartite advisory council of Provisional Institutions of Self-Government and employers' and employees' organizations for consultations on labour, social welfare and related economic policies and represent the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government in this council;
- (xi) Provide financial assistance, within allocated resources, to the families and individuals in need;
- (xii) Manage the use and development of the infrastructure relating to labour and social welfare which falls under the responsibility of the Ministry; and
- (xiii) Promote the development of a social insurance system, including unemployment and pension insurance.

Annex VIII

Ministry of Transport and Communications

The Ministry shall:

- (i) Develop policies and implement legislation for the provision of services and facilities in the sectors of road transport; public road transport; post; telecommunications; and information technology;
- (ii) Identify and establish, as appropriate, criteria, technical specifications and applicable standards with which service providers and infrastructure must comply; oversee the compliance, including, where appropriate, conducting inspections and audits and advising on the consequences of non-compliance;
- (iii) Oversee and monitor performance of the sectors and introduce appropriate measures to overcome service difficulties and problems;
- (iv) Develop policy and propose programs for promoting enterprises in the sectors, including strategies for restructuring and capital investment;
- (v) Participate in the development of public information campaigns and other promotional schemes to increase public awareness and responsiveness regarding sectoral issues;
- (vi) In the specific sector of telecommunications, review compliance with European standards covering tariffs and fees, quality of service and technical standards; develop policies to promote competition; and monitor the needs of consumers;
- (vii) In the specific sector of post, review compliance with European standards covering tariffs, quality of service and technical standards;
- (viii) In the specific sector of information technology, promote information technology as well as innovation in areas such as electronic commerce; promote access to technology; and encourage the development of information technology training systems;
- (ix) In the specific sector of road infrastructure, develop public road maintenance and construction programs, secure funding and organize the award of concessions, as appropriate; oversee the provision and management of the road infrastructure, including the performance of technical, organizational and developmental tasks related to the construction, maintenance and protection of public roads, control of the state of the roads, and maintenance of documentation on public roads and road traffic;

- (x) In the specific sector of road transport of persons and goods, oversee the licensing procedures for the companies, vehicles and drivers; award operating authority (routes and slots) on a competitive basis, where applicable; and support the provision of humanitarian and other special services; and
- (xi) Monitor transport safety and arrange for necessary action, investigation and response to ensure that risk to life and associated damage be minimized.

Annex IX

Ministry of Public Services

The Ministry shall:

- (i) Develop and oversee the implementation of policies for a multi-ethnic, impartial, professional and accountable Civil Service;
- (ii) Develop, and coordinate the implementation of, policies for training and capacity development of the Civil Service;
- (iii) Administer the Civil Service payroll and payments system;
- (iv) Provide engineering and building management services for the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government;
- (v) Develop the information technology standards and services to be used by the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government and coordinate the provision of information technology services to the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government;
- (vi) Develop and oversee the implementation of policies for the provision of procurement services in conformity with Ministry of Finance and Economy rules and procedures;
- (vii) Assist in the administration and maintenance of the central civil registry and database;
- (viii) Assist in the administration of policies related to civil documents, vehicle registration and NGO registration;
- (ix) Supervise the collection, maintenance, analysis and publication of official statistics;
- (x) Perform functions in the area of local administration pursuant to paragraph 5.2 of the Constitutional Framework for Provisional Self-Government;
- (xi) Perform functions in the area of judicial affairs pursuant to paragraphs 5.3 (b) through (m) of the Constitutional Framework for Provisional Self-Government; and
- (xii) Perform functions in the area of civil emergency preparedness pursuant to paragraph 5.5 of the Constitutional Framework for Provisional Self-Government.

Annex X

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development

The Ministry shall:

- (i) Develop policies and implement legislation for the development of agriculture, including livestock and plant production, and rural development, including the setting of standards to be maintained;
- (ii) Facilitate the development of credit schemes aimed at supporting agriculture, forestry and rural development activities in the private sector;
- (iii) Develop policies for and assist in the administration and management of the forestry sector, including protection, reforestation activities, sustainable exploitation, fire-fighting, fire prevention, pest and disease control, licensing for tree-felling, and controlling hunting and fishing activities;
- (iv) Regulate hunting and fishing activities;
- (v) Oversee the provision of veterinary services, including, but not limited to, the prevention of animal diseases, zoonoses and the improvement of the quality of herds and flocks;
- (vi) Develop policies in the area of irrigation, including the planning of irrigation schemes;
- (vii) Develop policies and implement legislation regarding agricultural land use for the purpose of protecting agricultural land;
- (viii) Oversee, in coordination with the Ministry of Health, Environment and Spatial Planning, adherence to health standards as they pertain to agriculture, forestry, fish farming and rural development;
- (ix) Oversee, in coordination with the Ministry of Health, Environment and Spatial Planning, quality control services of food and agricultural inputs for the purpose of protecting consumers;
- (x) Oversee activities aimed at eradicating pests, vermin, plant diseases or other destructive agents;
- (xi) Participate in environmental protection activities as they relate to agriculture, forestry, hunting, fishing and water resources management; and
- (xii) Provide assistance in matters pertaining to veterinary, quality and phytosanitary controls of cross border and boundary transit of animals and animal products, food and agricultural inputs, and plants and plant products, respectively.