



Këshilli i
AMBASADORËVE SHQIPTARË

**FOUNDATION ACT
OF
COUNCIL OF ALBANIAN AMBASSADORS
("KËSHILLI I AMBASADORËVE SHQIPTARË")**

Today on March 19, 2018, we the founding members, as former diplomats, public servants in the foreign service, that have been Ambassadors of the Republic of Albania, are founding the "Council of Albanian Ambassadors", that is being founded, as a non-profit organization, independent entity, without any political or party affiliation, based on the current legislation of Albania.

**ARTICLE 1
NAME**

Official name is: "KËSHILLI I AMBASADORËVE SHQIPTARË", in English version "Council of Albanian Ambassadors", abbreviated form CAA, and as such referred within this statutory document.

Organizational structure: CAA, is founded as a society.

**ARTICLE 2
LOGO AND ORGANIZATION SYMBOLS**

CAA has the name, logo, seal and Coat of Arms, these items will accompany all documents, correspondence and its publications.

**ARTICLE 3
FOUNDING MEMBERS**

Founding members of CAA are:

Mr. Besnik Mustafaj, Mr. Agim Fagu, Mr. Genci Muçaj, Mr. Arben Çejku, Mr. Marko Bello.

ARTICLE 4

OBJECTIVE, PURPOSE AND FIELDS OF OPERATIONS

- a. The objective of Council of Albanian Ambassadors (CAA) is a newly shaped professional support towards the Foreign Policy of Albanian State and act only on behalf of national interests of Albanian nation in the field of international relations.
- b. The Council of Albanian Ambassadors will assist on a more active and professional functioning of Albanian Diplomacy in accordance to the highest international standards and with the needs of Albanian nation.
- c. The Council of Albanian Ambassadors will promote the image of Albanian Diplomacy, Albanian State and Albanian Nation in the International Arena.
- d. The Council of Albanian Ambassadors will follow closely and analyze matters, events and the most relevant developments that affect Albania's interests in the region, Europe and beyond, to provide indispensable assistance to key Albanian institutions in the defense of Albanian interests and Albanian nation, through the delivery of recommendations, prognosis analysis, through confidential channels or public communication, based on circumstances.
- e. The Council of Albanian Ambassadors will represent and defend the legal and moral rights of former career diplomats in accordance to Albania's legislation and pertinent international conventions in cooperation with the following institutions: President of Republic, National Assembly, Prime Minister and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- f. Council of Albanian Ambassadors will develop continuously a cooperation dialogue with diplomatic corps accredited in Albania with the objective to harness good partnerships, dialogue and cooperation between their offices and Albanian Institutions and society.
- g. Council of Albanian Ambassadors will develop a regular cooperation with similar organizations of Ambassadors and career diplomats throughout the world, with international political – diplomatic organizations, were Albania is participating as well as with research or educational institutions that aspire and willing to promote Albania's interests and Albanian nation.
- h. Council of Albanian Ambassadors will approach a multi vector strategy within its domestic operations, in cooperation with educational institutions, research and scholarly entities that aim to strengthen the study of international affairs, diplomacy, economic relations, cultural affairs and public relations.

- i. Council of Albanian Ambassadors will organize diplomatic events, scientific and academic conferences, publications, round tables, opened forums for the public, closed door discussions, according to the importance of a topic being discussed.
- j. Council of Albanian Ambassadors will have its own publications or it will participate with the publications of its members in journals of other entities, based on the strategy of the organization.
- k. Council of Albanian Ambassadors will organize discussion panels in addition to its annual meetings, focused on timely sensitive issues in foreign policy and international affairs. In these panels, in addition to participation of CAA members, other top level government officials as well as foreign Ambassadors accredited in Tirana can be regularly invited for discussions.
- l. Council of Albanian Ambassadors is available to serve pro-bono with its expertise as a consultation mechanism for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Parliamentary Commission of Foreign Policy, Prime Minister's Office, and President of Republic.
- m. Council of Albanian Ambassadors offers itself to organize courses and training sessions for newly appointed ambassadors and for professional diplomats nominated on high diplomatic posts abroad.
- n. Council of Albanian Ambassadors will have its own official website: (www.albanianambassadors.al) e-mail: info@albanianambassadors.al; to facilitate cooperation with sister organizations abroad, to assist government institutions and to raise awareness of international and domestic public about its operations and events.

ARTICLE 5

PROHIBITION OF DISTRIBUTION OF EARNINGS

It is prohibited for Council of Albanian Ambassadors to distribute its earnings. All revenue of CAA will be used ONLY towards fulfilling the mission and vision of CAA, outlined in its by-laws and corporate statute.

ARTICLE 6

TIME FRAME, HEADQUARTERS

CAA is established for an unlimited period of time.

Headquarters (temporary) of CAA is in Tirana, Bardhyl Nr. 76/1 Street. P. O. Box 1400, Tirana, Albania. CAA will exert all its activities throughout the territory of Republic of Albania.

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SOURCES OF REVENUE AND PROHIBITION OF DISTRIBUTION OF EARNINGS

Source of revenues for CAA will be through the funds of CAA. The sources of funds for CAA are: advisory services provided to third parties; use of savings of CAA, donations made to CAA. Such as: funds, grants, donations made transparently from private entities in Albania, and foreign organizations according to the mission of the organization outlined in its statute and Albanian legislation. Donations and projects offered from local governments or foreign governments, based on Albanian legislation. Donations and projects proposed from NON-Governmental organizations abroad that are accepted by Albanian legislation.

It is prohibited for the Council of Albanian Ambassadors to distribute its revenue. All revenue are used ONLY for the objectives outlined in the Statute of CAA, according to decisions approved by leadership of organization. Revenue that is created by instruments or from activities of CAA, should be used only according to the principles outlined in its Statute and By-laws.

ARTICLE 8

LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

COUNCIL OF ALBANIAN AMBASSADORS has these governing bodies:

1. Membership General Assembly
2. Board of Directors
3. President
4. Executive Director

ARTICLE 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, is the highest decision making body of the organization, which is gathered no less than once a year, on its regular meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, is a high structure of CAA, based on team work and overseeing daily operations of CAA, its founding members are: Mr. Besnik Mustafaj, Mr. Agim Fagu, Mr. Genci Muçaj, Mr. Arben Çejku, and Mr. Marko Bello.

CAA President is elected: **Mr. Besnik Mustafaj**
Executive Director is elected: **Mr. Genci Muçaj.**

ARTICLE 10

MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION

Membership is open to all aspiring members that fulfill the requirements outlined in the by-laws or organization statute, inside and outside the territory of Republic of Albania.

Members of organization are obliged to pay a membership fee of 1,000 Lek per month. Members of the organization are equal on their rights and duties. Every member has the right to participate in the general meeting of organization and openly share his thoughts. Everyone has the right to select and choose members of the leadership bodies of organization.

ARTICLE 11

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND PROHIBITED AGREEMENTS

CONFLICT OF INTEREST IS NOT ALLOWED BETWEEN THE NGO AND A MEMBER OF LEADERSHIP BOARD, EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ITS EMPLOYEES.

ARTICLE 12

TRANSFORMATION AND UNION, DISTRIBUTION AND LIQUIDATION

The organization can be transformed or merged with another organization in order to ensure the progress of its objectives and its agenda.

Dissolving the organization is reached with a resolution approved by the General Assembly of CAA, with a proposal by its President and Board of Directors, which decides for the future of the organization.

In case of closing operations of CAA and dissolution of organization, on every time or for every reason, Board of Directors nominates one or a few liquidators for the development of liquidation process. Dissolution of organization is done based on the dispositions that are underlined by national law.

ARTICLE 13

FINANCIAL BALANCE AND INTERNAL AUDIT

The economic-financial operations of CAA are finalized at the end of every FY, on December 31st, of every year.

ARTICLE 14

EMPLOYMENT

For its own operational needs CAA is allowed to employ staff members, national or international, while respecting the national legislation of Albania.

ARTICLE 15
SOLUTION OF DISAGREEMENTS

All disagreements in relation to interpretation or implementation of this Foundational Act, and pertaining to the time frame of existence of this organization, initially must be dealt under an agreement within the Board of Directors.

In case the pending matters are not solved, every disagreement, conflictive ideas, or any matter that is related to interpretation of this statute, must be solved through the district court of Tirana.

ARTICLE 16
TEMPORARY AND FINAL RULES

The Organization will have its own legal identity from the day being registered in the District Court of Tirana, according to legal requirements of Albanian Constitution. This Foundational Act was signed by its founders, in 4 (four) original copies in Albanian language.

FOUNDING MEMBERS

BESNIK MUSTAJ

GENCI MUÇAJ

AGIM FAGU

ARBEN ÇEJKU

MARKO BELLO
