I. GENERAL OBJECTIVES

To build foreign policy of Republic of Kosovo is one of the most important duties of new state of Kosovo, after its independence declaration, on February 17, 2008. There are three kinds of requirements to come out as a result of mentioned duty:

**First Requirement** deals with the consolidation of the state of Kosovo. In general viewpoints, it covers two components;
- Finalization of the international process for recognition of the state of Kosovo and the process of membership in main international organization and regional initiatives;
- Strengthening of the security and internal stability and social and economical welfare.

**Second Requirement** deals with formulation and application of a foreign policy, in accord to Kosovo Republic national interests.

**Third Requirement** deals with building of the effective institutional mechanisms, which will play the main role in foreign policy of Republic of Kosovo. Foreign Policy serves to the realization of national aspirations to make Kosovo a respected member of the family of independent democratic states. Republic of Kosovo aims to contribute in the building and strengthening of the international order, based on friendly relations among nation states, the respect to freedom values, human dignity and principles of democracy.

The dynamic of political developments is very intensive. Participants of foreign policy should be able to match quickly to these developments. Republic of Kosovo, as a recent member in the global political scene, cannot act alone (only based on its own power), face the global challenges and play a key role in all dominating issues of political agenda. So, it is a must to identify priority issues and to build a strategy in respect to other issues of global politics. As modus operandi of the stands and political activities in relation to other global political issues (that do not deal directly with Kosovo), Kosovo foreign policy builds accordingly to aspire the Euro-Atlantic values.
II. STRATEGICAL OBJECTIVES

Republic of Kosovo aims to act a foreign policy, which will be in accord to the aims of people of Kosovo for the Euro-Atlantic integrations, keeping and strengthening relations with friendly countries, establishing good relations with regional states, as well as reaching the status of a trustful partner in fight against the threats to international security.

1. Consolidation of Kosovo state

General strategic orientation of Kosovo’s foreign policy is consolidation of the state of Kosovo. Firstly, foreign policy of the Republic of Kosovo orientates towards a continuous advancement of international position of Kosovo and strengthening international support for recognition of Kosovo sovereignty. Ensuring recognition of the state of Kosovo is one of the main strategic objectives of Kosovo Republic foreign policy. It is a precondition for internal consolidation of Kosovo state, as well as to strengthen its international position. Besides recognitions, another strategic objective is membership in the main international organizations, including; the UN and its specialized institutions, International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank (WB), World Trade Organization (WTO), the European Council and other international initiatives and organizations. Promotion and a continuous strengthening of Kosovo image in the international arena is another strategic aim of Kosovo Republic foreign policy. Positive image helps strengthening of Kosovo position in international arena and strengthening the strategic partnership with most powerful and democratic countries of the world.

2. Region

Kosovo Republic foreign policy aims to develop inter-regional cooperation, respectively good relations with neighboring states, also gives help to realization of Brussels agenda for a stable, democratic region and integrated in the EU and NATO. Relations development on the basis of good neighborhood and cooperation with regional countries, especially with the Western Balkans countries is one of priority requirements for the Stabilization and Association Process with the EU. Strategic aim of Kosovo foreign policy, in respect to the region, is to promote Kosovo as a contributor of security and stability in region. Kosovo Republic aims to play the belonging role and give efforts to ensure peace and stability in region in order to intensify and widen diplomatic, economic and cultural relations with all neighboring countries. Since the EU and NATO integration is a common goal, the intensification of the cooperation level with countries such as Macedonia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia and other countries of Balkans must focus at efforts on good neighbor policies.
Cooperation with Republic of Albania takes a special place in Kosovo Republic foreign policy. Intensification of the relations with Republic of Albania will happen in the course framework of the Euro-Atlantic integrations and its primary goal is to strengthen the cooperation and regional stability. Republic of Kosovo also aims to become a part of regional initiatives and organizations, in order to contribute to good neighbor relations and joint efforts to integrate in the Euro-Atlantic structures.

3. The Euro-Atlantic Integrations

The Euro-Atlantic Integration is one of the main aspirations of Kosovo society. As a result, membership in main Euro-Atlantic organization consists one of main objective of Kosovo Republic foreign policy. This includes membership in following organizations: The European Union, NATO, The European Council, OSCE and other regional initiatives.

The EU and NATO membership is of a great importance: Kosovo foreign policy would play a crucial role to simplify the communication and cooperation among Euro-Atlantic structures, in the first place between the EU, NATO and Kosovo. Since the EU and NATO integration is the main aim, intensification of bilateral relations level with the EU and NATO state members, especially with leading states, is a high priority of Kosovo foreign policy.

4. The United States of America

Relations with the United States of America take a very crucial place in Kosovo foreign policy, as a leading country, as a standard bearer of democracy and freedom, and as a country dedicated to support Kosovo, is an irreplaceable ally.

The continuous strengthening of strategic cooperation and partnership with the USA is one of main objectives of Kosovo Republic foreign policy. Besides support of Kosovo on efforts of American global fight for freedom and democracy, within its capabilities, Kosovo must create all preconditions to attract capital investments of American companies in Kosovo market, considering Kosovo natural and human resources.

5. Bilateral Relations

Besides the region and the Euro-Atlantic union of states, Kosovo foreign policy aims to strength continually relations with global or regional powerful states that support Kosovo. Another strategic objective is to establish diplomatic relations with all global and regional states with influence, also with states where the residencies of the most important regional organizations are located at.

6. World Promotion of economical interests of Republic of Kosovo

Economical development is a key factor to influence the international position of Kosovo state. So, an important component of Kosovo Republic foreign policy is promotion of Kosovo economical interests in the world.
Kosovo foreign policy will serve as an instrument to make an easy economical cooperation with various international partners, and to attract foreign investors to invest in Republic of Kosovo, based on the principles of market economy and free concurrence.

III. SHORT-TERM OBJECTIVES

- Recognition of Kosovo state by the majority of the UN state members;
- Recognition of Kosovo state by all countries of the EU.
- Recognition of Kosovo by regional countries and inclusion of Kosovo as a equal member in all organizations and mechanisms of inter-regional cooperation.
- To calm down the refusal of Kosovo independence by powerful global or regional states which have been declared clearly against international recognition of Kosovo state.
- To present and represent Kosovo while having various sessions of international organizations in host countries.
- To sign and ratify the Stabilization-Association Process within a period of maximum five years.
- To be part of NATO Initiative Partnership for Peace within a period of five years.
- To build a professional and effective diplomatic service, also the opening of diplomatic missions of Republic of Kosovo in states with global or regional influence.
- To build an effective consular service in the states, wherever there is a significant number of Kosovo migration, as well as other respective services for this migration, in accord to legal mandate of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Promotion of Kosovo economy in the world, making the contact easy between Kosovo businesses and other friendly states, attraction of foreign and diasporas investments.