

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO
AND
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CONCERNING THE PROGRAM OF THE PEACE CORPS
IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO

The Republic of Kosovo (hereinafter "Kosovo") and the United States of America (hereinafter "the United States"), recognizing the importance of developing mutually advantageous relationships and cooperation between their countries, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

1. The United States shall furnish such Peace Corps Volunteers as may be requested by Kosovo and approved by the United States to perform mutually agreed tasks in Kosovo.
2. The Volunteers shall work under the immediate supervision of governmental and private organizations in Kosovo designated by the United States and Kosovo.
3. The United States shall provide training to enable the Volunteers to perform their tasks in the most effective manner.
4. Kosovo shall bear such share of the costs of the Peace Corps program incurred in Kosovo as the United States and Kosovo may agree.

ARTICLE II

1. Kosovo shall accord equitable treatment to the Volunteers and persons performing functions under contract with the Peace Corps and their dependents and property; accord them and their property full aid and protection, including treatment no less favorable than that accorded generally to nationals of the United States residing in Kosovo; and fully inform, consult, and cooperate with representatives of the United States with respect to all matters concerning them.
2. Kosovo shall exempt the Volunteers from all taxes on payments that they receive to defray their living costs, on income derived from their Peace Corps work, and on income from other sources outside Kosovo; from all customs duties or other charges on their personal property introduced into Kosovo for their own use; and from all other taxes or other charges (including immigration/visa fees), except license fees.

Kosovo shall issue residence permits and visas (including multiple-entry visas), without fee or other charge, to Volunteers.

ARTICLE III

1. The United States shall provide the Volunteers, the Peace Corps Representative, and staff of the Representative with such limited quantities of equipment and supplies as the United States and Kosovo may consider necessary to enable the Volunteers to perform their tasks effectively.
2. Kosovo shall exempt from all taxes (including value-added taxes), customs duties, and other charges all equipment, supplies, and other goods and services introduced into or acquired in Kosovo by the United States, or any contractor financed by it, for use hereunder.

ARTICLE IV

1. To enable the United States to discharge its responsibilities under this agreement, Kosovo shall receive a Peace Corps Representative and such staff of the Representative (including employees and persons performing functions under contract with Peace Corps as designated by the Peace Corps Representative), and members of their families forming part of their households, as are acceptable to Kosovo. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other agreement, Kosovo shall exempt such persons, and members of their families forming part of their households, who are not citizens or permanent residents of Kosovo from all taxes on income derived from their Peace Corps work or other sources outside Kosovo, from all customs duties and other charges on their personal property introduced into Kosovo for their own use, and from all other taxes or other charges (including immigration/visa fees), except license fees. In addition, such persons, and members of their families forming part of their households, shall be accorded status equivalent to that accorded administrative and technical staff personnel of the diplomatic mission of the United States, except they shall not be accorded immunities.
2. Kosovo shall issue residence permits and visas (including multiple-entry visas), without fee or other charge, to the Peace Corps Representative, staff, and individuals performing functions under this agreement, and members of their families forming part of their households.

ARTICLE V

Kosovo shall exempt from investment and deposit requirements and currency controls all funds introduced into Kosovo for use in accordance with this agreement by the United States or contractors financed by it. Such funds shall be convertible into the currency of Kosovo at the highest rate that is not unlawful in Kosovo.

ARTICLE VI

1. Appropriate representatives of the United States and Kosovo may from time to time make such arrangements with respect to Peace Corps Volunteers and Peace Corps programs in Kosovo as appear necessary or desirable for the purpose of implementing this agreement.
2. Any disputes arising under this agreement shall be resolved amicably by the United States and Kosovo.

ARTICLE VII

The undertakings of each of the United States and Kosovo herein are subject to the availability of funds.

ARTICLE VIII

This agreement may be amended from time to time by mutual consent of the United States and Kosovo. Any such amendment shall be in writing.

ARTICLE IX

This agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall remain in force until ninety days after the date of the written notification from either the United States or Kosovo to the other of its intention to terminate the agreement.


Done at PRISHTINA on 09/09, 2013, in duplicate in the English, Albanian and Serbian languages, each text being equally authentic. In the case of divergence, the English language text shall prevail.

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