

Durres, 25 June 2006

To: Mr. Fatmir Sejdiu- President of Kosovo, Head of Negotiation Group
Mr. Agim Ceku- Kosovo Prime Minister
Mr. Veton Surroi- Head of Kosovo Communities Consultative Council

From: The participants of Workshop for Developing the Strategy for Integration of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities

We, the undersigned -the participants in the Workshop in Durres, which took place between 22-25 June, aiming to develop sufficient basis for development of Kosovo Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian Strategy, adopt the following conclusions:

1. Appreciating the readiness of the Kosovo Government Prime Minister to develop, in cooperation with our communities, a Strategy for the Integration of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians in Kosovo;
2. Recognizing the serious commitment that Kosovo Institutions aim by supporting the development of a joint strategy for all three communities;
3. Wanting to express our readiness to actively support the development of such a strategy;
4. Aiming to bring back to your attention the comments and suggestions which we contributed in the draft Framework Document for the Rights of Communities in Kosovo (so-called Cambridge Document) through the Communities Consultative Council at the beginning of April 2006.
5. Specifying the inclusion of our earlier proposal for the development of a Strategy for the Improvement of the Situation of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians in Kosovo, similar to the strategy proposed by the Prime Minister.
6. Reiterating the long list of recommendations which were brought to the attention of Kosovo Communities Consultative Council, which have been expressed before the Thessalonica workshop;
7. Closely following the recent workshop developments which took place in Thessaloniki from 19-25 June 2006; conclude that the needs and requests of the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities are still not sufficiently reflected in the Cambridge Document.

We hereby urge the Kosovo Negotiation Group to commits itself in the Cambridge Document and the document on the final status of Kosovo to develop and implement, in close cooperation with the communities, a Strategy for the Improvement of the Situation of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians. Therefore, we suggest, that the following paragraph be included in the Cambridge Document: ***“The government of Kosovo will develop, in close cooperation and coordination with the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities, and implement a Strategy for the Improvement of the Situation of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians in Kosovo.”***

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