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**REGULATION NO. 2008/11**

**ON THE PROMULGATION OF  
THE LAW ON PERSONAL NAMES  
ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF 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,

In conformity with sections 9.1.44 and 9.1.45 of the Constitutional Framework for Provisional Self-Government in Kosovo (UNMIK Regulation No. 2001/9 of 15 May 2001),

Taking into account a communication from the President of the Assembly of Kosovo dated 4 December 2007, concerning the Law on Personal Names adopted by the Assembly of Kosovo on 13 April 2007,

Noting that the provisions of the Law shall be without prejudice to the authority of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General under UNSCR 1244 (1999) or his reserved powers and responsibilities under the Constitutional Framework for Provisional Self-Government in Kosovo,

Hereby promulgates, effective as of the date of signature, the Law on Personal Names adopted by the Assembly of Kosovo (Law No. 02/L-118) attached to the present Regulation, provided that:

- (a) Article 6.2 shall be deleted. The subsequent paragraph shall be renumbered accordingly.
- (b) Article 9.4 shall be revised to read as follows:

“The personal name in the relevant civil registry and other public documents shall be written in letters and signs determined by the applicable law in Kosovo.”

- (c) A new paragraph shall be added to Article 17 which reads:  
“17.4 The holder of the name to be changed is obliged to take the necessary action to have the name change reflected in personal documents including in the identity card and in a travel document. The Civil Registry will forward the name change to the relevant authorities.”
- (d) In Article 18.2, the word “erroneously” shall be inserted before the word “changed”.
- (e) A new paragraph shall be added to Article 20 which reads:  
“20.3 The holder of the name to be changed is obliged to take the necessary action to have the name change reflected in personal documents including in the identity card and in a travel document. The Civil Registry will forward the name change to the relevant authorities.”
- (f) The title of Article 22 “Punitive Provisions” shall be replaced by “Administrative Sanctions”.
- (g) In Article 24, the word “penalties” shall be replaced by the words “administrative sanctions”.
- (h) Article 25 shall be deleted.

These changes shall be reflected in the final official text of the Law.

Signed on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2008.

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