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REGULATION NO. 2005/21

**ON THE PROMULGATION OF
THE LAW ON CIVIL STATUS REGISTERS
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 (UNSCR) 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999,

In conformity with Chapter 8 and 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 21 October 2004, concerning the Law on Civil Registers adopted by the Assembly on 27 September 2004,

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 section 8.1 (z) of the Constitutional Framework for Provisional Self-Government in Kosovo, as well as the applicable UNMIK legislation in the area of civil registration and in particular UNMIK Regulation No. 2000/13 of 17 March 2000 on Central Civil Registry,

Hereby promulgates, effective as of the date of signature, the Law (Law No.2004/46) adopted by the Assembly of Kosovo attached to the present Regulation, provided that:

- (a) The title of the Law shall be revised to read: "On Civil Status Registers";
- (b) The words "civil registers" and "civil registrars" shall be replaced throughout the text by "civil status registers" and "civil status registrars", respectively;
- (c) The use of official symbols in civil status documents shall be in conformity with section 1.7 of the Constitutional Framework for Provisional Self-Government in Kosovo;

(d) Article 4.3 shall be implemented in accordance with UNMIK Regulation No. 2000/43 of 27 July 2000, as amended, on the Number, Names and Boundaries of the Municipalities, and Administrative Direction No. 2004/23 Implementing UNMIK Regulation No. 2000/43, as amended;

(e) In article 8.4, the words in brackets “in Latin alphabet” shall be deleted;

(f) Articles 16.8 (h) and 37 (f) shall be amended to read: “Citizenship/Habitual Residency”;

(g) In article 23, the word “abroad” in the heading shall be replaced by “outside Kosovo”;

(h) Article 23.1 shall be revised to read: “Parents who are habitual residents of Kosovo may register birth of their child born outside Kosovo in the Civil Status Office of the Municipality of their permanent residence”;

(i) The words “foreign country” in article 23.3 shall be replaced by “competent authorities outside Kosovo”;

(j) In article 33.4, the word “country” shall be replaced by “Kosovo”;

(k) In article 43, the heading “Punitive Provisions” shall be replaced by “Administrative Sanctions and Disciplinary Proceedings”;

(l) Articles 43.2 and 43.4 shall be deleted; and

(m) The words “Kosovo citizen(s)” shall be deleted and replaced by “Kosovo habitual resident(s)” throughout the text.

The changes in (a), (b), and (e) through (m) above shall be reflected in the final official text of the Law.

Signed on this 7th day of May 2005.

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Special Representative of the Secretary-General