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On the Monitoring of the Assembly of Kosovo
15 June 2008 – 30 September 2008**

Highlights

- **Minister of Foreign Affairs responds to the interpellation motion**
- **Presidency approves the draft budget of the Assembly for 2009**
- **Assembly fails to publish the records of electronic votes**
- **Assembly decides again to re-advertise the Ombudsperson's position**
- **Government improves its responsiveness to parliamentary questions**
- **Assembly returns five draft laws to the Government**

1. Background

This fifty-eighth monitoring report is drafted in accordance with the Terms of Reference for UNMIK Pillar III for Institution Building (OSCE) Monitoring of the Assembly of Kosovo dated 26 November 2002 and is based on compliance with the Rules of Procedure adopted at the plenary session on 20 May 2005, as amended at the plenary session on 1-2 June 2006 and 18 September 2007 plenary session.

Pillar III (OSCE) monitored ten plenary sessions, on 16 June; on 19 June; on 30 June; on 15 July; on 29 July; on 30 July; on 9 September; 18 September; 19 September; and 25 September as well as eight Presidency meetings, on 22 June; on 2 July; on 8 July; on 16 July; on 22 July; on 9 September; on 16 September and on 23 September. Pillar III (OSCE) monitored 46 out of 75 committee meetings and one public hearing.

2. Overview

The 16 June plenary session was chaired by the President of the Assembly Mr. Jakup Krasniqi (PDK).

- One-hundred and two Members of the Assembly were present at the 16 June plenary session.
- Main agenda items of the 16 June plenary session:
 - Address of the USA Congressman Eliot Engel

The 19 June plenary session was chaired by the President of the Assembly Mr. Jakup Krasniqi (PDK) and by Member of the Presidency Mr. Naim Maloku (AAK).

- Seventy-four Members of the Assembly were present at the 19 June plenary session.
- Main agenda items of the 19 June plenary session:
 - Questions to the Government for Oral Answer
 - First reading of the Draft Law on Weapons
(The draft law was endorsed in principle with 75 votes in favour and no votes in opposition.)
 - First reading of the Draft Law on Amending the Law on Accreditation

- (The item was postponed due to the absence of the Minister of Trade and Industry to present the draft law.)
- First reading of the Draft Law on Amending the Law on Tax Administration and Procedure (The item was postponed due to the absence of the Minister of Finance and Economy to present the draft law.)
 - Second reading of the Draft Law on Benefits of former High Officials (The draft law was approved with 70 votes in favour and no votes in opposition.)
 - Review of the request of the Ministry for Finance and Economy on re-allocation of capital investment funds from the project “New Government Complex” to project “Renovation of Media Building” (The request was rejected with 19 votes in favour, 33 votes in opposition and 15 abstentions.)

The 30 June plenary session of the Assembly of Kosovo was chaired by the President of the Assembly Mr. Jakup Krasniqi (PDK) and by Member of the Presidency Mr. Sabri Hamiti (LDK).

- Seventy-eight Members of the Assembly were present at the 30 June plenary session.
- Main agenda items of the 30 June plenary session:
 - Questions to the Government for Oral Answer
 - First Reading of the Draft Law on Amending the Law on Accreditation (The draft law was endorsed in principle with 65 votes in favour and no votes in opposition.)
 - First Reading of the Draft Law on Amending the Law on Tax Administration and Procedure (The draft law was endorsed in principle with 63 votes in favour and no vote in opposition.)
 - First Reading of the Draft Law on Amending the Law on Archives (The draft law was endorsed in principle with 58 votes in favour and five votes in opposition.)
 - First Reading of the Draft Law on Empowerment and Participation of Youth (The draft law was withdrawn by the sponsor.)
 - Review of the recommendation with regard to the appointment of members to the Procurement Review Committee (The item was removed from the agenda at the request of the LDK parliamentary group, supported by other parliamentary groups, as the list of members was not complete.)
 - Second Reading of the Draft Law on Contested Procedure (The draft law was approved with 71 votes in favour and no votes in opposition.)
 - Second Reading of the Draft Law on Sponsorship in culture, youth and sports (The draft law was returned to the sponsor for further revision.)
 - Review of the recommendation of the Committee for Economy, Trade, Industry, Energy, Transport and Communications with regard to the Law on Mines and Minerals (The recommendation was approved with 58 votes in favour and six votes in opposition.)
 - Review of the recommendation of the Committee for Economy, Trade, Industry, Energy, Transport and Communications with regard to the Law on Geological Exploration (The recommendation was approved with 61 votes in favour and eight votes in opposition.)

The 15 July plenary session of the Assembly of Kosovo was chaired by the President of the Assembly Mr. Jakup Krasniqi (PDK) and Member of the Presidency Mr. Xhavit Haliti (DPK).

- Seventy-five Members of the Assembly were present at the 15 July plenary session.
- Main agenda items of the 15 July plenary session:
 - Questions to the Government for Oral Answer
 - Second Reading of the Draft law on Private Security (The draft law was removed from the agenda.)

- Review of recommendation made by the Committee on Public Services, Local Administration and Media with regard to the Government's request to withdraw the Draft Law on Official Statistics
(The recommendation was approved with 58 votes in favour and one vote in opposition.)
- Review of recommendation made by the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare with regard to the Government's request to withdraw the Draft Law on Labour
(The recommendation was approved with 65 votes in favour and no votes in opposition.)
- Review of recommendation made by the Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare with regard to the Government's request to withdraw from promulgation the Law on Health Insurance
(The recommendation was approved with 65 votes in favour and one vote in opposition.)
- Review of recommendations made by the Committee on Legislation and Judiciary with regard to the appointment of members to the Bar Examination Committee
(The item was withdrawn at the request of the Minister of Justice.)

The 29 July plenary session of the Assembly of Kosovo was chaired by the President of the Assembly Mr. Jakup Krasniqi (PDK) and Member of the Presidency Mr. Nexhat Daci (LDD).

- Eighty-nine Members of the Assembly were present at the 29 July plenary session.
- Main agenda items of the 29 July plenary session:
 - Questions to the Government for Oral Answer
 - First Reading of the Draft Law on Amending the Law 03/08 on the approval of Kosovo Budget and Authorised Expenditures for period from 1 January to 31 December 2008
(The draft law was endorsed in principle with 58 votes in favour and 23 votes in opposition.)
 - First Reading of the Draft Law on Public-Private Partnerships and Concessions in the delivery of public infrastructure and services and the procedures for their award
(The draft law was endorsed in principle with 76 votes in favour and seven votes in opposition.)
 - Second Reading of the Draft Law on Stamps of Institutions of Kosovo
(The draft law was approved with 66 votes in favour and five votes in opposition.)
 - Review of the recommendation of Independent Selection Body with regard to the appointment of members to the Procurement Review Body
(The recommendation was approved with 44 in favour and 35 in opposition)
 - Review of the 2007 annual report of the Energy Regulatory Office
(The report was approved with 49 votes in favour and 17 votes in opposition.)
 - Review of Government's request to withdraw the approved laws from promulgation procedure
(The Government's request was approved with 74 in favour and no votes in opposition.)
 - Review of parliamentary groups' request to return the non-promulgated laws to the Assembly committees for revision¹
(The request was approved with 76 in favour and one vote in opposition.)

The 30 July plenary session of the Assembly of Kosovo was chaired by the President of the Assembly Mr. Jakup Krasniqi (PDK) and Member of the Presidency Mr. Ibrahim Gashi (AKR).

- Eighty-two Members of the Assembly were present at the 30 July plenary session.
- Main agenda items of the 30 July plenary session:
 - Second Reading of the Draft Law on Amending the Law 03/08 on the approval of Kosovo Budget and Authorised Expenditures for period from 1 January to 31 December 2008

¹ The request above refers to 15 laws, which had been approved by the previous Assembly and sent to the SRSB but not promulgated prior to the entry into force of the constitution.

- (The draft law was approved with 61 votes in favour and 11 votes in opposition.)
- Review of Government's proposal to set the date for holding the census
(The item was postponed due to the absence of the Minister of Public Services.)

The 9 September plenary session was chaired by the President of the Assembly Mr. Jakup Krasniqi (PDK).

- Ninety-five Members of the Assembly were present at the 9 September plenary session.
- Main agenda items of the 9 September plenary session:
 - Address of former USA Ambassador to the United Nations, Mr. Richard Holbrooke

The 18 September plenary session of the Assembly of Kosovo was chaired by the President of the Assembly Mr. Jakup Krasniqi (PDK) and Member of the Presidency Mr. Xhavit Haliti (PDK).

- One-hundred and two Members of the Assembly were present at the 18 September plenary session.
- Main agenda items of the 18 September plenary session:
 - Questions to the Government for Oral Answer
 - Interpellation of Minister of Foreign Affairs
 - First Reading of the Draft Law on Use, Administration and Maintenance of Buildings in Joint Ownership
(The draft law was endorsed in principle with 60 votes in favour and no votes in opposition.)
 - First Reading of the Draft Law on Amending the Law on Technical Demands for Products and Evaluation of Conformity
(The draft law was endorsed in principle with 60 votes in favour and no votes in opposition.)
 - First Reading of the Draft Law on the President of Kosovo
(The draft law was endorsed in principle with 51 votes in favour and no votes in opposition.)
 - Second Reading of the Draft Law on Mediation
(The draft law was approved with 59 votes in favour and no votes in opposition.)
 - Review of the proposal for allocation of funds to the Ministry for Kosovo Security Force
(The item was removed from the agenda at the request of the Budget Committee.)
 - Review of the proposal for formation of an ad hoc Committee for selection of IOB members
(The proposal was approved with 57 votes in favour and no votes in opposition.)

The 19 September plenary session of the Assembly of Kosovo was chaired by the President of the Assembly Mr. Jakup Krasniqi (PDK) and Member of the Presidency Mr. Sabri Hamiti (LDK).

- Ninety-seven Members of the Assembly were present at the 19 September plenary session.
- Main agenda items of the 19 September plenary session:
 - Questions to the Government for oral answer
 - Review of the RTK report for 2007
(The item was postponed at the request of PDK parliamentary group.)
 - Review of the IMC report for 2007
(The Chairperson of the Committee for Public Services, Local Government Administration and Media delivered an opening statement followed by parliamentary group representatives and several other Members.)
 - Review of the report on expenditures of the Budget of Kosovo during the first half of 2008
(The Minister of Finance and Economy delivered an opening statement followed by Budget Committee Chairperson, parliamentary group representatives and several other Members before the debate was concluded by the Minister.)

The 25 September plenary session of the Assembly of Kosovo was chaired by the President of the Assembly Mr. Jakup Krasniqi (PDK) and Member of the Presidency Mr. Eqrem Kryeziu (LDK).

- Ninety-two Members of the Assembly were present at the 25 September plenary session.
- Main agenda items of the 25 September plenary session:
 - Questions to the Government for Oral Answer
 - Review of the recommendation of the Committee for Legislation and Judiciary with regard to the appointment of the Ombudsperson
(Assembly decided to annul the process and re-advertise the position of the Ombudsperson with 45 votes in favour and 15 votes in opposition. See below the section entitled “Assembly advertises the position of the Ombudsperson for the fourth time”.)
 - First reading of the Draft Law on Bestowing of Decorations by the President of Kosovo
(The draft law was rejected with 30 votes in favour and 39 votes in opposition.)
 - Second Reading of the Draft Law on Weapons
(The draft law was returned to sponsor for further revision.)
 - Review of the proposal for formation of an ad hoc Committee for selection of IMC Council members
(The proposal was approved with 49 votes in favour and eight votes in opposition.)

3. Parliamentary Practices and Proceedings of Assembly Sessions

Presidency approves the draft budget of the Assembly for 2009

- At its 23 September meeting, the Presidency approved the proposal on the draft Assembly budget for 2009, prepared by the Assembly Secretary, as well as Mr. Xhavit Haliti’s (PDK) proposal, which included several additional spending categories. However, the Presidency’s proposal was later heavily criticised by media, civil society and Prime Minister, and was therefore re-examined by the Presidency. At the next Presidency meeting, Mr. Nexhat Daci (LDD) stated that the draft Assembly budget should have been prepared by the Budget Committee according to the Rules of Procedure and that it was not good that the Budget Committee was excluded from the process. The President of the Assembly likewise agreed that the Budget Committee should be involved and stated that he would consult with the Budget Committee about the draft Assembly budget for 2009.²

According to Rule 6.7 of the Rules of Procedure, the Presidency approves the draft budget of the Assembly prepared by the Budget Committee in cooperation with the Assembly administration. The Rules of Procedure grant the Budget Committee the competency to prepare the draft budget of the Assembly. The Presidency therefore did not have the right to exclude the Budget Committee from preparation of the draft budget of the Assembly.

Distribution of Draft Legislation

- The Draft Law on Amending the Law on Accreditation was distributed on 26 May; the Draft Law on Amending the Law on Tax Administration and Procedure was distributed on 27 May; and the Draft Law on Amending the Law on Archives was distributed on 11 June. Thus, the draft laws were distributed, respectively, 24, 23 and 12 working days prior to their first reading at the 30 June plenary session.

The Draft Law on Amending the Law 03/08 on the approval of Kosovo Budget and Authorised Expenditures for period from 1 January to 31 December 2008 was distributed on 18 July, and the Draft Law on Public-Private Partnerships and Concessions in the Delivery of Public Infrastructure and Services and Procedures for their Award was distributed on 10 July. Thus, the draft laws were distributed, respectively, six and 12 working days prior to their first reading at the 29 July plenary session.

² The discussion of the draft budget of the Assembly for 2009 by the Budget Committee will be covered in the next monitoring report.

The Draft Law on Use, Administration and Maintenance of Buildings in Joint Ownership and Draft Law on Amending the Law on Technical Demands for Products and Evaluation of Conformity were distributed on 18 July; while the Draft Law on the President of Kosovo was distributed on 28 July. Thus, the draft laws were distributed, respectively, 41 and 31 working days prior to their first reading scheduled at the 18 September plenary session.

Rule 35.1 requires that the first reading of the draft law shall take place no earlier than ten working days and no later than three working weeks from the day of its distribution. Thus, only the Draft Law on Amending the Law on Archives and the Draft Law on Public-Private Partnerships and Concessions in the Delivery of Public Infrastructure and Services and Procedures for their Award were reviewed during the first reading in compliance with Rule 35.1. The first readings of six other above-referenced draft laws was not in compliance with the Rule above as five of six draft laws were reviewed in first reading after three working weeks and one was reviewed earlier than ten working days from the dates of their distribution.

The first readings of the Draft Law on Accreditation and Draft Law on Tax Administration and Procedure were scheduled in compliance with the Rule 35.1 but did not take place as planned due to the absence of respective Ministers, who sponsored the draft laws in question and had to present them before the Assembly. This emphasizes a need for better coordination between the Assembly and the Government in order not to delay the review and approval of draft legislation.

Legislative process

- At the 30 June plenary session, the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports withdrew the Draft Law on Empowerment and Participation of Youth from the first reading for further revision. At the same plenary session, Mr. Agim Veliu (LDK), Chairperson of the Committee on Education, Science, Technology, Culture, Youth and Sports proposed that the Draft Law on Sponsorship in Culture, Youth and Sports, which was scheduled for second reading, be returned to the sponsor with the justification that many provisions of the draft law were unclear and required further revision. The President of the Assembly called for a vote on Mr. Veliu's proposal, which was approved with 66 votes in favour and three votes in opposition. At the 15 July plenary session, following a request made by the Government, the Committee on Public Services, Local Government Administration and Media and Committee for Health, Labour and Social Welfare proposed to the Assembly to withdraw, respectively, the Draft Law on Official Statistics and Draft Labour Law, which were already endorsed in principle. The President of the Assembly called for a vote on both proposals, which were approved with majority of votes in favour. At the 25 September plenary session, the Chairperson of the Committee on Internal Affairs and Security, Mr. Rustem Mustafa (PDK), proposed that the Draft Law on Weapons, which was scheduled for a second reading, be returned to the sponsor for further revision. The President of the Assembly called for a vote on Mr. Mustafa's proposal, which was approved with 61 votes in favour and three votes in opposition.

Under Rule 35.3, "[t]he sponsor may withdraw the draft law during the first reading, before the procedure of voting it in principle takes place (emphasis added)." Thus, the Draft Law on Empowerment and Participation of Youth was withdrawn by the sponsor in compliance with the Rule above. However, the Draft Law on Official Statistics and Draft Labour Law were withdrawn after their first readings, which was not in compliance with Rule 35.3. The Government should have requested the withdrawal of these two draft laws before they have been endorsed in principle. Additionally, by analogy to the Rule in question, the Committee on Education, Science, Technology, Culture, Youth and Sports and Committee on Internal Affairs and Security should have proposed to the Assembly to return, respectively, the Draft Law on Sponsorship in Culture, Youth and Sports and the Draft Law on Weapons to sponsors in accordance with Rule 35.3. Moreover, Rule 35.7 provides that "[t]he functional or main committee may review the draft law in principle even before the first reading of the draft law takes place in plenary session (emphasis added)." If the above-mentioned functional committees had reviewed the draft laws in question before their first readings, as allowed by Rule 35.7, they

would have had the opportunity to notice earlier the deficiencies of the draft laws and propose to return them to sponsors during their first readings, rather than making such proposals much later. It is highly recommendable for the Assembly committees to utilize the opportunity of reviewing draft laws before their first readings in order to make the legislative process more efficient.

- During the reporting period, approximately 10% of scheduled Committee meetings were cancelled due to the lack of quorum, which occurs because some Members do not show up at committee meetings. Cancellation of meetings also causes delay in the review and adoption of draft legislation and other documents. During this reporting period, the cancellation of meetings due to the lack of quorum was less frequent than in the previous reporting period, when approximately 20% of meetings were cancelled, which represents an improvement. The Assembly could however consider introducing a mechanism, which would ensure a quorum in committee meetings.

Formation of new parliamentary group

- On 11 September, Democratic Ashkali Party of Kosovo (PDAK) members, Democratic Action Party (SDA) members and Mr. Driton Tali (former AKR member) submitted in writing to the Presidency their decision to form a parliamentary group called “For Integration”³. At the 17 September Presidency meeting, the Secretary informed the Presidency that this group did not have six members, as required by the Rules of Procedure, because one PDAK member, Mr. Sabit Rrahmani, had reached on 13 September the limit of six months of abstention from the Assembly proceedings without providing a justification for his absence for which he could lose his status as a Member of the Assembly. Additionally, the Secretary remarked that two SDA members were already part of the AAK parliamentary group and that according to the Rules of Procedure they could not belong to two parliamentary groups. The Presidency members stated that they did not intend to hinder the formation of the new parliamentary group, but that it had to meet legal requirements. Therefore, the President of the Assembly decided to consult with the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Mandate and Immunity about Mr. Rrahmani’s case,⁴ and the Presidency decided to ask both SDA members to clarify their membership in the AAK parliamentary group and inform them that they could not be members of two parliamentary groups at the same time.

According to the Rules of Procedure (Rule 14.3), “[i]f a Member of the Assembly throughout a period of six months attends none of the sessions of the Assembly or of a Committee, of which he/she is a member, and cannot show good cause to the satisfaction of the President of the Assembly, the President shall propose to the Assembly that the Member concerned cease to be a Member. The opinion of the Committee on Mandate and Immunity is required on this matter (emphasis added).”

Under Rule 11.1 (Chapter IV of the Rules of Procedure), any six or more Members of the Assembly may form a parliamentary group, based on a common political aim, and the parliamentary group shall inform the Presidency of the Assembly of the name of its leader and other members. Furthermore, according to Rule 11.4, a Member shall not belong to more than one parliamentary group. Thus, the new parliamentary group "For integration" may not function as a group until the issue of Mr. Rrahmani’s status has been resolved by the Assembly and until SDA members have clarified in which parliamentary group they wish to participate.

Assembly advertises the position of the Ombudsperson for the fourth time

³ PDAK represents Ashkali community with three seats in the Assembly, while SDA, which represents Bosniak community, has two seats.

⁴ Deliberation of Mr. Rrahmani’s case by the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Mandate and Immunity will be covered in the next monitoring report.

- At the beginning of the 25 September plenary session, the President of the Assembly proposed that the Assembly should annul the current process of the appointment of the Ombudsperson and re-advertise the position. The PDK, LDK, AKR, 7+ and SLS parliamentary groups supported the President's proposal, while the LDD and AAK parliamentary groups objected to the proposal and sought additional clarifications from the President. The President of the Assembly responded that he made the proposal in order to "protect the Assembly's credibility". He then called for a vote to on the above-referenced proposal, which was approved with 45 votes in favour and 15 votes in opposition. Pursuant to the Assembly decision, the Presidency tasked the administration to advertise the position of the Ombudsperson of Kosovo for the fourth time. All Presidency members agreed that the position should be re-advertised and filled as soon as possible.⁵

Interpellation

At the 18 September plenary session, Skender Hyseni, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, replied to the interpellation motion submitted by the AKR parliamentary group. The AKR requested the Minister to "report on the defects in the process of recognition of Kosovo's independence, in the consolidation of the Ministry and in the deployment of Kosovo's foreign diplomatic service." On behalf of the AKR, Mr. Ibrahim Gashi delivered an opening statement. The AKR as well as the LDD and AAK representatives criticised the Minister for the lack of a program and strategy on foreign policy, nepotism, insufficient lobbying for further recognition of independence and lack of diplomatic experience of the *chargés d'affaires* appointed to the first ten diplomatic offices of Kosovo. Some opposition members even called on the Minister to resign. The Minister responded that, among other things, the law on Foreign Ministry became effective on June 16 and that he had a short time to build the full capacities of the Ministry. He added that there were difficulties in selecting *chargés d'affaires* because of time constraints. Several Members from various parliamentary groups made statements before the debate was concluded by Mr. Ibrahim Gashi (AKR), as sponsor of the motion.

The interpellation debate was held in compliance with Rule 25.7, according to which the parliamentary group which proposed the interpellation has the right to open the debate with ten (10) minutes statement and close the debate with five (5) minutes statement, and that the time allocation to other parliamentary groups reflects their representation in the Assembly.

Questions to the Government

- At the 19 June plenary session, two out of 12 questions received response. At the 30 June plenary session, four out of 16 questions received a response. At the 15 July plenary session, 22 out of 23 questions received response. At the 29 July plenary session, 12 out of 15 questions received a response. At the 18 September plenary session, 12 questions were processed of which only one did not receive a response, while remaining 28 questions were postponed for the following plenary session of 19 September, because the time for the question period had expired. At the 19 September plenary session, 14 questions were processed of which two did not receive a response, while 14 remaining questions were postponed again for the following plenary session, because the time for the question period had expired. At the 25 September plenary session, 11 out of 12 processed questions received a response, while nine remaining questions were postponed again for the following plenary session, because the time for the question period had expired.

Question periods above were carried out by the Assembly in compliance with the Rule 26 on "Questions to the Government for oral answers", which provides that the agenda of each session shall include a period up to 50 minutes for Members' questions to the Government, with

⁵ The announcement was issued on 9 October and was published in five languages (Albanian, English, Serbian, Bosnian and Turkish) in local printed media.

one minute for the question, three minutes for the Minister's answer, one minute for a follow-up question, and two minutes for the response to the follow-up question.

During this reporting period, the Government's responsiveness to parliamentary questions showed improvement compared to previous reporting periods.⁶ On the other hand, Members have continued to submit high number of questions, which resulted in many questions being postponed because the time for the question period had expired. The Assembly should consider regulating the question period in a more efficient way because it was noted that all questions cannot be processed during the 50 minute period. The Assembly should either extend the question period or limit the number of questions per Member in order to give the opportunity to all Members, who submitted questions, to put them forward and receive a response.

Under Rule 26.11, "[i]f a question has not been answered within two plenary sessions, the question will be published in the Bulletin of the Assembly." Two Assembly bulletins published during the reporting period, on 19 June and 20 September, did contain eleven questions, which did not receive response by the Government, as required by Rule 26. However, the Assembly could make more efforts and use its authority to ensure the Government's accountability, which is a key parliamentary democratic standard.

4. Access

- During the reporting period, Pillar III (OSCE) received access to the plenary sessions, Presidency meetings and committee meetings under review. Pillar III (OSCE) also received copies of documents considered by the Assembly and transcripts of plenary sessions.

5. Transparency

- During the reporting period, the Assembly has not published on its website any record of electronic votes of plenary session decisions. In the previous reporting period, the Assembly had published several records of electronic votes, but it failed to do so later. The Assembly should publish the records of electronic votes in a consistent manner in order to enhance the transparency of the Assembly, especially Members' accountability to their constituencies.⁷ Radio Television Kosovo provided live television coverage of the plenary sessions under review. Members of the public and institutional monitors were granted admission to the plenary sessions. The Assembly has a website (www.kuvendikosoves.org, www.skupstinakosova.org, www.assembly-kosova.org) containing biographical details of Members of the Assembly, information about the structure and functioning of the Assembly, minutes and transcripts of Assembly sessions and Committee meetings, copies of laws and resolutions adopted by the Assembly, along with other information.

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⁶ See previous Pillar III (OSCE) reports 02/2008 and 03/2008 for more details.

⁷ At the 15 February 2008 plenary session, the President of the Assembly had announced that the Assembly would publish on its website the records of electronic votes of plenary session decisions. Following the President's announcement, the Assembly began publishing the records of electronic votes from the 17 February extraordinary session. The records of electronic votes of several plenary sessions were published on the Assembly website. However, the record of electronic votes of the 2 June plenary session was the last published on the Assembly website.