



## COMMITMENT TO FIGHT AND PREVENT THE BLOOF FEUD PHENOMENON AND THE PROMOTION OF A CULTURE OF PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

In order to:

- Achieve a common action and to coordinate the efforts in the fight against the phenomenon of revenge killings and blood feuds and its consequences in the whole Albania;
- Protect and guarantee a fundamental constitutional right, such as the right of life, as well as to promote a culture of peace and reconciliation;

This document requires a commitment to cooperate with:

The Office of the Ombudsman, the Prefecture, the Region, the District's Judicial Prosecutor Office, the District Police Directorate, the Regional Education Directorate, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Health Service, the District Court, the Court of Appeal, the religious representatives, the civil society and the associations.

*Aiming that through the renewal of the commitment in the fight against the phenomenon and the renewal of the cooperation with various institutions, it will be able to achieve:*

- a. the identification and the registration of all murders and blood feuds occurred after 1990; the identification of families and people self-isolated, classified by gender and age group (male, female, youngster), the identification of members from rival families in enmity, as well as an overview of the conflict's development.

*In order to increase the cooperation in strengthening the enforcement of the criminal law concerning:*

- b. The detection and the intensification of the efforts to find and punish the perpetrators of blood feuds and revenge killings, those who left in an unknown direction, as well as the discovery and capture of those offenders sentenced to imprisonment *in absentia*;
- c. The capture and punishment of perpetrators of "murder for revenge", as provided by article 78/a of the Criminal Code;
- d. The identification and management of the complaints from self-isolated families and people, related to "serious threat of self-isolation" as provided by Article 83/a of the Criminal Code, as well as the prosecution and the punishment of the perpetrators;
- e. The identification, prosecution and punishment of the perpetrators for the offence "incitement to revenge", as provided by article 83/b of the Criminal Code;



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*In order to respect, protect and guarantee the fundamental constitutional rights of self-isolated people:*

- f. The identification of self-isolated children who dropped-out of the educational system because of blood feuds;
- g. The identification of self-isolated families with insufficient financial resources who would need economic assistance;
- h. The identification of self-isolated people who need home health services under the basic package of primary health care, which is provided through the family doctor to all the patients registered in health centers;

*In order to raise awareness of the civil society and the institutions about reconciliation:*

- i. To identify the needs of teachers teaching in the areas where blood feuds are particularly widespread and the introduction of programs to create a culture of peace and reconciliation;
- j. To undertake joint initiatives for proposals aimed at improving and changing the legislation focused on blood feuds and revenge killings, in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Albania and the Conventions ratified in the field of protection and respect of fundamental human rights;
- k. To undertake joint initiatives for making recommendations and proposals to public institutions for the implementation of Article 7 of the Law no. 9389 of the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2005 "On the establishment and functioning of the Coordination Committee in the fight against blood feuds" and the preparation and approval of the regulations for its implementation.
- l. To have regular exchanges of information through the holding of regular meetings, joint field visits, reciprocal notifications on different occasions which might need intervention and support;
- m. The organization of joint activities aimed to raising awareness at the district level, including the organization of joint public awareness campaigns.



***The 2016 Event "Të lidhim besën për... pajtim!"***  
*One event for three cities:*  
***Reconciliation can be reached together!***  
***3 cities, 3 dates, 3 days: 1 Reconciliation***

*In collaboration with  
the Office of the Ombudsman*

