

REGULATION NO. 2006/14

**ON THE PROMULGATION OF
THE LAW ON RADIO TELEVISION OF KOSOVO
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),

Taking into account a communication from the President of the Assembly of Kosovo, dated 3 February 2006, concerning the Law on Radio Television of Kosovo adopted by the Assembly of Kosovo on 20 January 2006,

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 Radio Television of Kosovo adopted by the Assembly of Kosovo (Law No. 02/L-47) attached to the present Regulation, provided that:

(a) In paragraph 1 of Article 1, the word “national” shall be replaced by “public”;

(b) In paragraph 6 of Article 6, the requirement for providing non-majority Communities with program time and programming in their respective languages shall not be satisfied solely by providing teletext services, and the requirement for not less than fifteen (15) percent of program time shall be interpreted for the purposes of implementation as requiring inclusion of in-Kosovo production programs;

(c) In paragraph 1 of Article 8, the term “RTK Program” shall be interpreted for the purposes of implementation as requiring inclusion of all RTK programming services;

(d) In paragraph 1 of Article 10 and in the Preamble, the word “citizens” shall be replaced by “residents”;

(e) In Article 13, the word “law” shall be replaced by “legislation”;

(f) Paragraph 1 of Article 14 shall be implemented duly taking into account the operational viability requirement in paragraph 4 of Article 17 of the Law on the Independent Media Commission and Broadcasting, as promulgated by UNMIK Regulation No. 2005/34 of 8 July 2005;

(g) A new sentence shall be added at the end of paragraph 1 of Article 19 which reads: “RTK funds, including the Public Broadcasting Fee and other sources of funding set out in this Article, shall as public money be deposited in their entirety into an account designated by the Ministry of Finance and Economy.”;

(h) Paragraph 3 of Article 20 shall be implemented in coordination with the Independent Media Commission in view of the latter’s competence to regulate the Broadcast Frequency Spectrum; and

(i) In Article 20 a new paragraph 11 shall be added which reads: “Five (5) percent of the Public Broadcasting Fee funds that are collected shall be allocated to the Fund established within the Office of the Prime Minister for the support of Minority, Multiethnic and Disadvantaged Media”.

(ii) Article 37 shall be revised to read: “Following its entry into force, this Law shall replace UNMIK Regulation No. 2001/13 of 15 June 2001 on the Establishment of Radio Television of Kosovo and shall supersede any provision in the applicable law which is inconsistent with it.”

The changes set out in (a), (d), (e), (g), (i) and (ii) above shall be reflected in the final official text of the Law.

Signed on this 11th day of April 2006.

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