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Application by Kosovo* for membership of the Council of Europe

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tabled by the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

In the draft opinion, after paragraph 15, insert the following paragraph:

"The Assembly invites Kosovo to:

- fully participate in the Council of Europe's Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVAL) and to thereafter implement its recommendations without delay;
- amend the composition of the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC) in line with the recommendations of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) in its Opinion CDL-AD(2023)043 adopted on 15-16 December 2023;
- refer the new draft law on expropriations to the Venice Commission, for an Opinion;
- ensure self-restraint of politicians, who should refrain from criticising decisions of the judiciary;
- improve respect for administrative procedures, in particular for expropriations and public appointments and consider introducing an administrative complaint procedure;
- launch procedural reforms to tackle the excessive length of judicial proceedings and consider creating a specific remedy for excessive length of proceedings;
- reduce excessive recourse to pre-charge and pre-trial detention for unduly lengthy periods of time and without proper reasons;
- promote the use of de-escalatory policing techniques, especially by police deployed in the north of Kosovo;
- improve language training and education to meet the constitutional requirements for bilingualism in actual practice, especially in the police force and the justice system;
- foster awareness among police officers, prosecutors and judges of hate crimes and strengthen their ability to treat victims of such crimes with sensitivity; improve the response of these actors in the judicial system to the issue of domestic violence."

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