



Mission and Scope of the Presidency of the Republic of Kosovo

The President of the Republic of Kosovo leads the Presidency of the Republic of Kosovo and exercises powers in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo and other applicable legislation.

The Presidency is the seat of the official activities of the President, which includes the President's Cabinet, the President's Office, and other related institutions/units. The President's Cabinet consists of the President's Advisors and the employees of the Cabinet. The President's Office is an organizational unit of the Presidency and a special institution within the Civil Service of Kosovo, while the other related institutions/units are those defined by the applicable legislation. Relations among all these organizational structures of the Presidency are cooperative and interactive relations with the mission of supporting the President in carrying out the functions and responsibilities established by the Constitution, laws, and other relevant legislation in force.

The scope of the Presidency is interconnected with the powers granted by the Constitution and by special laws under the applicable legislation. In this regard, the President, as the head of state, representative of the unity of the people, legitimate representative of the country both domestically and internationally, and guarantor of the democratic functioning of the institutions of the Republic of Kosovo, also exercises the following responsibilities:

1. She is the Supreme Commander of the Kosovo Security Forces (KSF);
2. She is one of the links in the chain of civil control and democratic oversight of the KSF, as defined by the Constitution and other relevant laws;
3. She leads the foreign policy of the country, and the Prime Minister consults with the President on the implementation of the country's foreign policy;
4. She sets and announces the date of elections for the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo (the Assembly), after consulting with political parties;
5. She appoints and announces the mandate for the formation of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo (the Government) after elections or in case the Prime Minister resigns, or for other reasons, the position becomes vacant, according to the proposal of the political party or coalition forming the majority in the Assembly;
6. She calls the first session of the Assembly;
7. She sets and announces the date of local elections after consulting with political parties;

8. She may request closed and extraordinary sessions of the Assembly in cases specified by the Assembly's Rules of Procedure;
9. She substitutes members of the Assembly (deputies) in cases where a seat becomes vacant, following a written request from the Speaker of the Assembly and based on the list provided by the Central Election Commission;
10. She may dissolve the Assembly in cases specified in Article 82 of the Constitution;
11. She may propose amendments to the Constitution;
12. She has the right to propose laws within her scope of activity as specified by the Law on Legislative Initiatives;
13. She promulgates laws adopted by the Assembly;
14. She has the right to return laws adopted by the Assembly for reconsideration if she considers them harmful to the legitimate interests of the Republic of Kosovo or any of its communities. The right to return a law can be exercised only once;
15. She ratifies international agreements that are not ratified by the Assembly;
16. She has the authority to perform all related actions and sign international agreements and instruments of accession to international conventions on behalf of the Republic of Kosovo and informs the Assembly about the signing of any international agreement;
17. Upon the recommendation of the Government, she authorizes related actions for the conclusion of international agreements of the Republic of Kosovo on the following matters: territory, peace, alliances, political and military issues; fundamental rights and freedoms; the membership of the Republic of Kosovo in international organizations; and the assumption of financial obligations by the Republic of Kosovo;
18. Upon the recommendation of the ministry or state agency responsible for drafting the international agreement, she authorizes the conclusion of international agreements of the Republic of Kosovo, which enter into force on the date of signing, provided that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has given prior consent for the respective agreement;
19. She has the right to refer constitutional matters to the Constitutional Court;
20. She has under her authority the Advisory Council for Communities and in this regard appoints the members of the Advisory Council for Communities and chairs its meetings twice a year, in order to conduct a general review of the policies and concerns of the communities in the Republic of Kosovo;
21. She appoints, promotes, dismisses, and relieves the Commander of the Kosovo Security Force from duty, following the recommendation of the Prime Minister;
22. She has the competence to make appointments, promotions, changes, dismissals, and relieves from duty in the rank of General, based on the proposal of the Minister of Defense, in consultation with the Prime Minister, and upon the recommendation of the Commander of the KSF;
23. She appoints judges of the Constitutional Court, based on the proposal of the Assembly, and may dismiss judges of the Constitutional Court upon the proposal of two-thirds (2/3) of the judges of the Constitutional Court;
24. She appoints and dismisses the President of the Supreme Court of Kosovo from among the judges of the Supreme Court, for a seven (7) year term without the possibility of reappointment, following the proposal of the Judicial Council of Kosovo;
25. She appoints, reappoints, dismisses, and relieves judges of the Republic of Kosovo, following the proposal of the Judicial Council of Kosovo;

26. She appoints, reappoints, and dismisses judges of the Special Chamber based on the proposal of the Judicial Council of Kosovo;
27. She appoints and dismisses the State Prosecutor from among the Prosecutors, based on the proposal of the Prosecutorial Council of Kosovo;
28. She appoints, reappoints, dismisses, and relieves Prosecutors of the Republic of Kosovo, based on the proposal of the Prosecutorial Council of Kosovo;
29. Together with the Prime Minister, she appoints the Director, Deputy Director, and the Inspector General of the Kosovo Intelligence Agency;
30. Based on the proposal of the Government, she appoints, dismisses, recalls, and relieves Heads of Missions;
31. She appoints and dismisses the Governor and non-executive members of the Board of the Central Bank;
32. She proposes to the Assembly the appointment or dismissal of the Auditor General of the Republic of Kosovo;
33. She appoints the Chairperson of the Central Election Commission from among the judges of the Supreme Court and Courts with appellate jurisdiction, and appoints the members of the Central Election Commission following notification from parliamentary groups with the right to appoint members to the Central Election Commission;
34. She terminates the mandate of the Chairperson and members of the Central Election Commission;
35. Based on the proposal of the Prime Minister, she designates an authorized representative to execute and deposit with the International Monetary Fund, on behalf of Kosovo, an instrument of participation;
36. Based on the proposal of the Prime Minister, she designates an authorized representative to sign on behalf of Kosovo the original documents of the International Monetary Fund Agreement, World Bank Group, International Finance Corporation, and International Development Association, the Convention on the Establishment of the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, and the Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States and to execute and deposit any instrument of acceptance, ratification, or other required documents for membership in these organizations;
37. In consultation with the Prime Minister, she may declare a State of Emergency when emergency protection measures are needed; when there is an internal threat to the constitutional order or public security; and when there is a natural disaster affecting the entire territory of the Republic of Kosovo or part of it. During a state of emergency, the General Staff operates as the Staff for the Supreme Commander;
38. She approves operational plans for a state of emergency based on the proposals from the KSF Commander;
39. She may request a meeting of the Kosovo Security Council and presides over them during a State of Emergency. The Council is obliged to closely coordinate its work with the President;
40. She has the right to request advice from the Security Council;
41. She collaborates with the Security Council and the Government in preparing the Security Strategy for the Republic of Kosovo;
42. She consults on the Annual Platform for Intelligence and Security Policy before it is submitted for approval to the Government;

43. The President and the Prime Minister receive the same intelligence information. The Prime Minister consults with the President on intelligence matters;
44. She has the authority to approve the emblem of the KSF, the insignia of the units, the appearance of the ranks, and uniforms of the KSF, following the initial proposal from the KSF HQ, through the Ministry of Defense in consultation with the Prime Minister;
45. She has the competence to order the mobilization of the KSF in cases of a declared state of emergency;
46. After the Assembly's approval, she authorizes the deployment of the KSF abroad for participation in international peace operations;
47. After the Government's decision, she authorizes the deployment of the KSF for participation in international humanitarian operations;
48. In extraordinary circumstances, she decides on the withdrawal of KSF personnel from a mission;
49. After consulting with the Government and Assembly, she orders the mobilization of reserve KSF members;
50. The same report submitted to the relevant parliamentary commission on defense and security is sent to the Ministry of Defense and the KSF Commander;
51. She demands accountability from the KSF Commander for overseeing and ensuring the execution of all lawful orders according to the President's instructions;
52. Based on a request for consultation from the Prime Minister, she participates in determining and modifying the KSF structure, which is subject to confirmation by the Assembly;
53. After consulting with the Prime Minister, she decides to open, reorganize, and close diplomatic and consular missions of the Republic of Kosovo in other countries or international organizations, or respective offices for the representation of the Republic of Kosovo;
54. Based on the proposal of the Government, she approves the diplomatic rank of Ambassador;
55. She accredits foreign ambassadors as representatives of their head of state and accepts the credentials of heads of diplomatic missions accredited in the Republic of Kosovo;
56. She approves the opening of a new foreign diplomatic mission;
57. She awards medals, acknowledgments, and prizes in accordance with the Law on Decorations by the President, including the distribution of awards, medals, and recognitions for meritorious service and acts of bravery by KSF members;
58. She consults with the Government in determining memorial days;
59. She announces individual pardons for persons convicted of criminal acts by releasing them from the punishment set by the court;
60. She grants the citizenship of the Republic of Kosovo in cases specified by law;
61. To highlight her distinction and identification, she has the right to a distinctive flag;
62. At least once a year, she addresses the Assembly regarding her scope of activity.