

DECISION

No.650, dated 10.11.2017

ON

COMMITMENT ON CONFIDENCE IN STATISTICS OF THE ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT¹

Pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 100 of the Constitution, with the proposal of the Prime Minister, the Council of Ministers,

DECIDED:

Commitment of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania, for the commitment of confidence on statistics, according to the text enclosed to this decision.

This decision enters into force immediately and is published in the "Official Gazette"

PRIME MINISTER

EDI RAMA

COMMITMENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON CONFIDENCE IN STATISTICS

"1. Considering that:

a) reliable statistics are of key element on informing processes, policy and decision making of the Council of Ministers, citizens and private and public businesses;

b) reliability in official statistics is a prerequisite for increasing and guaranteeing the country's economic and social success;

c) public confidence in statistics is essentially conditioned by the full implementation of the principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice, which are fully aligned with Law no. 9180, dated 05.02.2004 "On official statistics", as amended, and in particular on the guaranteeing the professional independence of the national authorities charged by law for the production of official statistics;

ç) the overall quality of statistics is also based on the quality of primary data sources;

d) the commitment to maintain confidence in statistics is the objective of the European Union Member States for the implementation of Article 11, points 3, 5 and 5 of Regulation (EC) Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 "On European

¹ This decision is partly approximated with:

1. Regulation (EU) no. 223/2009

2. Regulation (EU) no. 2015/759

Statistics, which revokes Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1101/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the submission of data subject to Statistics on statistical confidentiality, Statistical Office of the European Communities, Council Regulation (EC) No 322/97 on Community Statistics and Council Decision 89/382 / EEC, Euroatom for the establishment of a Commission on Statistical Programs of the European Communities, Regulation (EC) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015,

2. The Council of Ministers reaffirms its full commitment to the following:

- a) To fully respect international and European standards on the quality of official statistics, in particular the principles of the Code of Practice of European Statistics;
- b) To guarantee and protect the professional independence of the Institute of Statistics (INSTAT), and to promote it to the public through appropriate communication actions;
- c) Support the Institute of Statistics in maintaining public confidence in the official statistics produced in the Republic of Albania and to protect the staff involved in statistical production from any effort to undermine its credibility;
- ç) Ensure the appropriate and sustainable resources needed to carry out statistical activities and to maintain and further improve the quality of official statistics of the Republic of Albania;
- d) To report annually to the European Commission on the implementation of this commitment;
- dh) Review the Council of Minister's commitment to confidence in statistics, in case of need for improvement, identified by the Council of Ministers, the Albanian Assembly or the European Commission.