RESOLUTION

ON THE EVALUATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 2022

Assembly of Albania,

Recognizing the mission of INSTAT for the production of impartial, transparent, and updated statistics, which assist users in judging the processes of development and transformation in the economic and social fields within the country;

Taking into consideration that INSTAT is the main producer of official statistics in the country and responsible for the coordination and functioning of the National Statistical System; Appreciating that official statistics are disseminated respecting the statistical principles defined by law, protecting statistical confidentiality and ensuring equal access for all users; Encouraging the strengthening of cooperation of INSTAT with producers and users of official statistics inside and outside the country to meet their needs with quality and updated information and to be comparable with other countries in the region and Europe;

Evaluates the activity of the Institute of Statistics during the year 2022 regarding:

The considerable increase in the number of statistics produced and transmitted to Eurostat and assessed as quality statistics produced according to professional standards.

The relatively high media presence, enhancing the institution's image, while also highlighting the users' needs for statistics, such as: policymakers, researchers, businesses, media, etc. Its commitment in presenting reports, opinions, and studies on the international stage in the field of statistical production and development, participating and contributing to various global statistical forums and activities.

The increase in the number of statistical indicators within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The fulfillment of the obligations set in the National Plan for European Integration 2021–2023 within the framework of full compliance with European legislation.

The Assembly recommends that the Institute of Statistics for the year 2023 improve its work in the following directions:

- 1. To implement the Population and Housing Census with quality and on time, based on the clear definition of the vision and strategic objectives for conducting the census, also considering it a key instrument for the negotiation process.
- 2. To pay special attention to the implementation and monitoring of the communication strategy for the promotion of the Population and Housing Census, which is essential to ensure statistical awareness, increase trust, and participation of the population in this process.
- 3. To finalize the strategic documents of the Agricultural Census, which will serve to plan the most important elements of the project, starting with the preparation of the regulatory framework, assessment of resources and actors involved, budget, as well as determination of the methodology to be followed for the 2024 Agricultural Census. The draft law for the Agricultural Census should be submitted to the Assembly for approval as soon as possible.

- 4. To continue the modernization of data collection methods and statistical production of the National Statistical System, as the main mechanism for producing statistics in accordance with the standards required by Eurostat and aligned with modern international techniques.
- 5. To continue efforts to expand the National Statistical System by adding producing institutions and data suppliers, increasing the range of official statistical products produced, and improving statistical quality.
- 6. To make efforts to reduce staff turnover and ensure that the staffing level is sufficient to meet the needs of statistical production. Furthermore, employees should be well trained regarding the latest developments in the field of statistics.
- 7. To increase the production and timely transmission of macroeconomic data of high quality to Eurostat to achieve full compliance with ESA 2010 standards and to work on adapting important indicators which are still not transmitted to Eurostat.
- 8. To intensify national and international statistical cooperation to adapt the best methodologies and practices, enhancing its role in the governance of public data as part of the data ecosystem that serves the production of official statistics, without compromising trust in statistics and confidentiality.

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