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Parliamentary Group of the Democratic Party of Albania

To: The Diplomatic Missions and Foreign Representatives accredited in the Republic of Albania

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Subject: Informing the Diplomatic Missions accredited in the Republic of Albania regarding the unprecedented unconstitutional situation during the plenary session for the approval of the political program and the new government cabinet.

Honorable Excellences,

We address you through this letter to bring to your attention the unprecedented situation that occurred today during the plenary session of the Assembly of Albania, convened for the approval of the political program and the new government cabinet, to which you were also invited as participants.

For the first time in the 35 years of political pluralism in Albania, the Constitution, the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, and every norm of democratic practice were violated in such a flagrant and disruptive manner. Through unconstitutional actions and in breach of the Assembly's internal regulation, undertaken by the Speaker of the Assembly and the leader of the parliamentary majority, the political debate of the representatives of the citizens was deliberately obstructed, seriously undermining parliamentary democracy and political coexistence within legitimate democratic institutions.

As representatives of Albanian citizens in the Assembly, we observe with concern the daily erosion of the authority of the highest decision-making institution, the Assembly of Albania, and the attempt to transform it into an extension of the Council of Ministers, completely eliminating parliamentary oversight over the majority and the laws presented for review and approval.

The dynamics of today's events clearly indicate a well-orchestrated plan by Prime Minister Rama to openly provoke the parliamentary opposition. Through these unprecedented actions, in violation of the Rules of Procedure and by nullifying constitutional principles, the right of opposition deputies to a substantive and constructive political debate on the government program and cabinet was deliberately denied.

We also note with concern the serious offense caused to the highest representatives of the diplomatic corps accredited in our country, who participated in this solemn session, of particular importance for the beginning of each new legislature, by Prime Minister Rama.

In light of the delegitimization of the plenary session and in defense of the constitutionality of the process, opposition deputies in Parliament requested that the solemnity of this plenary session be respected.

In accordance with Article 97 of the Constitution, and in alignment with Article 110, paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, opposition deputies repeatedly requested the Speaker

of the Assembly to allow the Prime Minister to continue his speech, after it was unprecedentedly interrupted by him to present a video message staged by the so-called "Ministry of Artificial Intelligence Diella." In the entire history of Albanian parliamentary pluralism, the Prime Minister's speech during the plenary session for the approval of the political program and the composition of the government has never been interrupted for any reason.

Moreover, the Speaker of the Assembly, in violation of Article 48, paragraph 1 of the Rules of Procedure, did not address Mr. Edi Rama in his capacity as a deputy to call him to order when departing from the substance of the matter, i.e., the presentation, through the staging of a video message by a virtual character, at a time when he should have continued uninterrupted in presenting the political program.

In the context of the Speaker's unprecedented non-response and the commission of these serious violations of the Constitution and Rules of Procedure, the Speaker of the Assembly established a dangerous precedent for this new legislature by creating double standards in granting procedural rights. Mr. Peleshi twice consecutively granted the procedural right to the Chair of the parliamentary majority group, while denying this right, provided under Article 49 of the Rules of Procedure, to the Chair of the Democratic Party Parliamentary Group.

Thus, in an unconstitutional manner, the Speaker of the Assembly approved a political order coming from the Chair of the majority group by closing the plenary session with the approval of the political program and the new government cabinet without political debate, in violation of Article 97 of the Constitution and in serious breach of Article 110 of the Rules of Procedure.

The denial of the right to parliamentary debate, repeated violations of the fundamental law of the country and breaches of the internal rules of the Assembly clearly demonstrate a deliberate undermining of constitutional order and usurpation of the legitimate decision-making authority of democratic institutions in the country. In this unprecedented situation, we note with concern the undermining of parliamentary life, the denial of deputies' constitutional right to political debate, and, above all, the disregard for the sovereign will of the Albanian citizens, attempting the total nullification of the highest representative body of their political will.

We note with deep concern the continuous erosion of the role of the Assembly as the highest decision-making institution in Albania. Today's developments demonstrated an orchestrated plan by Prime Minister Edi Rama to openly provoke the parliamentary opposition and to reduce the Assembly to a mere extension of the Council of Ministers, thereby eliminating parliamentary oversight over the majority and the laws presented for review and approval.

We therefore feel it our duty to inform the diplomatic community accredited in Tirana of these grave developments, which seriously endanger parliamentary democracy and the constitutional order in Albania.

Please accept, Your Excellencies, the assurance of my highest considerations.

Respectfully,
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