

ALBANIAN AMERICAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

With the Central Election Commission certifying the results of the February 9th elections, the Albanian American Relations Council (AARC) urges political parties to swiftly form the new government to ensure the proper functioning of Kosovo's institutions.

The timely establishment of new institutions will reaffirm Kosovo's state-building capacity and political maturity, sending a strong signal both domestically and internationally. Given the rapidly evolving global political landscape, it is crucial that Kosovo's institutions are fully consolidated and prepared to address both immediate and long-term challenges.

The new government must take a proactive approach to advancing Kosovo's position. This includes making all reasonable efforts to lift EU sanctions and presenting a clear, strategic plan to the United States to encourage continued economic and political investment in Kosovo.

As the United States remains Kosovo's closest and most vital ally, the new government must also prioritize strengthening its presence and influence in Washington, D.C. This requires expanding diplomatic representation, engaging top-tier lobbying firms, and securing regular high-level meetings with the new U.S. administration. Kosovo's presence in Washington has diminished in recent years, and a coordinated effort is necessary to restore its visibility and importance on the U.S. agenda.

AARC, whose core mission is to strengthen relations between the United States and the Albanian people, stands ready to collaborate with institutions in Washington, D.C., and Pristina to fully align and advance our shared interests.

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