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# Dear Reader



The Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, respectively Kosovo Environmental Protection Agency has prepared the report on the state of the environment, which aims to inform you on the actual state of the environment in Kosovo. Furthermore, through this report is presented the commitment of governmental institutions to implement appropriate environmental policies for improving the environment state.

Kosovo has already made significant progress in building a modern state, integrated into European Union. In this approach, in addition to other challenges, we are facing even with fulfilment

of environmental requirements and needs, where undoubtedly the assessment of the state of the environment will be one of the highest priority fields.

The fulfilment of these obligations necessarily will require a bigger commitment, not only of the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, but also by our society entirely. Therefore, we remain committed that together with other relevant institutions and organizations for environment protection to develop appropriate environmental policies and implement these policies, to build effective mechanisms and instruments for environmental protection and improvement of its quality.

We are aware that economical development will be the priority of the Republic of Kosovo, which will be accompanied with increase of exploitation of natural resources, and increasing the new energetic capacities, which necessarily will increase the impact in the environment. Undoubtedly, the impact in the environment will be increased by development of other sectors as well, as transport, industry, urbanization, agriculture,

etc. Having in regard these conditions, MESP will try maximally to respect the main principle of environment protection in relation to economical development, the principle of sustainable development, to "meet the needs of current generations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs".

Also, we will remain committed in preventing uncontrolled exploitation of natural resources, expansion of nature protected areas network, more efficient management of water resources, sustainable urban planning, advanced waste management and strengthening environmental inspection.

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