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INSTRUCTION

No. 246, dated 03.06.2021

**“ON
THE PROCEDURE AND TIMEFRAME FOR MAKING THE DECISION TO TERMINATE
AN INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION APPLICATION REVIEW IN THE REPUBLIC OF
ALBANIA”**

Pursuant to paragraph 4 of article 102 of the Constitution of the Republic of Albania, paragraph 6, of article 32 of Law No. 10/2021 “On asylum in the Republic of Albania”,

I HEREBY INSTRUCT:

1. The Authority Responsible for Asylum and Refugees shall decide to cease the international protection application review within 10 (ten) days from the termination of the procedure, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1 of article 32 of law No. 10/2021 “On Asylum in the Republic of Albania”.
2. The request to withdraw an international protection application shall be made in writing to the Authority Responsible for Asylum and Refugees, prior to the expiry of international protection application review procedural deadlines.
3. Any applicant residing in the Reception Center for Asylum, may submit the written request to withdraw the international protection application with this center as well. The Reception Center for Asylum shall notify the Authority Responsible for Asylum and Refugees promptly by electronic means and shall forward the request officially within 3 (three) days from its submission. Should the Center verify that the applicant has left the accommodation facilities, it shall notify the Authority electronically that same day.
4. Should the Authority Responsible for Border and Migration become aware that the applicant has left the Republic of Albania, it shall electronically notify that same day the Authority Responsible for Asylum and Refugees and shall provide this information in writing within 5 (five) days of becoming aware.
5. The decision to terminate the application for international protection, shall be made by the Authority Responsible for Asylum and Refugees in a special meeting and by majority of votes. The decision shall be compiled in writing and shall be reasoned.
6. The Authority Responsible for Asylum and Refugees shall deposit a copy of this decision with the Protocol Office of the Ministry of Interior and shall record it in the electronic register of seekers and applicants in international protection.

7. The decision to terminate the international protection application shall be communicated to the applicant or relevant legal representatives by the Authority Responsible for Asylum and Refugees within 5 (five) days from the day this decision is made.
8. The Authority Responsible for Asylum and Refugees shall notify the decision to terminate the international protection application to the Authority Responsible for Border and Migration within 5 (five) days of this decision being made.
9. The Instruction of the minister of Internal Affairs No. 268 dated 02.06.2016 “On the procedure and timeframe for making a decision to terminate the asylum application review in the Republic of Albania”, shall be hereby abrogated.
10. The Authority Responsible for Asylum and Refugees, the Reception Center for Asylum and the Authority Responsible for Border and Migration shall be charged with the implementation of this instruction.

This instruction shall become effective upon publication in the Official Gazette.

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