

## **PROPOSAL**

### **AGREEMENT**

#### **Proposal for cooperation between political parties and representatives of national communities in the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia in formulating responses to fundamental development challenges in the period 2021–2022**

The political parties and representatives of national communities in the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia enter into this agreement taking account of the following:

- that the Republic of Slovenia is facing one of its most demanding challenges, i.e. formulating an exit strategy from the epidemic, for which it has significant EU funds at its disposal;
- that the Republic of Slovenia is looking towards the important period of its presidency of the Council of the EU, which will coincide with the Conference on the Future of Europe;
- that it is necessary to carry out certain systemic reforms that are essential to maintaining and strengthening competitiveness as a prerequisite for greater prosperity of the Republic of Slovenia and are in the common interest of all Slovenian citizens and parliamentary parties.

The political parties and representatives of national communities in the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia express their will and intention to co-define the aforementioned duties and objectives regardless of whether individual political parties are members of the coalition or are in the opposition.

To this end, the political parties and representatives of national communities in the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia have jointly adopted the following

### **RULES ON INFLUENCE AND LIABILITY**

#### **I.**

The signatories to this agreement agree that, in the aftermath of the COVID-19 epidemic, the re-launch of the economy and the normalisation of social life, the implementation of certain structural reforms and the successful presidency of the EU Council require the participation of all political parties and representatives of both national communities in the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia.

#### **II.**

By signing this agreement, none of the signatory parties is bound to give prior consent to individual legislative proposals.

#### **III.**

This agreement in no way affects the established procedures of the coalition. In terms of harmonisation of individual legal texts from the normative programme, these procedures take place independently between the eligible proposers and the coalition.

IV.

The Government of the Republic of Slovenia will submit a concrete, time-bound normative programme of the Government's activities for the current year or for 2022 until the end of its term of office to all signatories to the agreement within thirty (30) days of the signing hereof.

V.

Within seven (7) days of the submitted normative programme, the opposition parties which are signatories to the agreement and the representatives of the national communities will inform the state secretary at the Prime Minister's Office responsible for the Government's cooperation with the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia (hereinafter: the Secretary of State) as to the formulation of in which pieces of legislation envisaged by the normative programme they wish to participate.

Acts formulated in this way will be the subject of coordination between individual proposers and the opposition parties which are signatories to the agreement and the representatives of the national communities.

VI.

Opposition parties which are signatories to the agreement and the representatives of the national communities will discuss and coordinate each act proposal separately before the official government procedure.

VII.

After signing this agreement, the relevant proposer of each act will send any such proposal that is listed in the normative programme and is subject to coordination to the Secretary of State, who will forward it without delay to the opposition parties which are signatories to the agreement and to the representatives of the national communities.

VIII.

In the event that any opposition party which is a signatory to the agreement or a representative of a national community has any comments on the text of the act, they may request a coordination meeting with the relevant proposer of the act within five (5) days. Requests should be sent to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State will call a coordination meeting within five (5) days of receipt of such a request. The coordination meeting will generally be held in room 110 of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia.

IX.

Opposition parties which are signatories to the agreement and representatives of the national communities undertake not to comment on the text or on the solutions provided for by the act in public or to disseminate it in any way outside the parliamentary group in the period between the adoption date of the act and the final date of the coordination meeting.

X.

The aim of the coordination meeting will be to agree on the goals and essential solutions set out in the act proposal and on possible support for the act proposal from opposition parties which are signatories to the agreement or individual opposition parties or representatives of the national communities.

XI.

If no agreement is reached after the coordination meeting and the Government decides to submit the proposed act for parliamentary procedure, the opposition parties which are signatories to the agreement or representatives of the national communities who opposed the proposed act will have the opportunity to publicly explain their views on the content of the proposed act.

XII.

Each opposition party which is a signatory to the agreement and representatives of the national communities will decide for themselves as to who will represent them at the coordination meetings on individual act proposals.

XIII.

The opposition parties which are signatories to the agreement will make every effort to ensure that their parliamentary groups in the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia give their support to the harmonised solutions set out in the proposed acts.

XIV.

The parties which are signatories to the agreement will establish a partnership council as a consultative body; this shall include the participation of the parties which are signatories to the agreement and the representatives of the national communities.

The partnership council shall meet at the request of any signatory to the agreement or of the representatives of the national communities. The signatories to the agreement will send a request to convene the partnership council to the Secretary of State. A partnership council meeting shall be called by the Prime Minister. Invitees to the partnership council meeting will include the President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia and, if necessary, representatives of the relevant government departments.

XV.

Any opposition party which is a signatory to the agreement or representative of the national community may at any time inform the Secretary of State and the other signatories to the agreement of their withdrawal from the agreement, stating the reasons for their decision. The same also applies to the coalition as a whole.

In the absence of conciliation attempts and an agreement arranged by the Secretary of State, a party will be deemed to have definitively withdrawn from the agreement after three days.

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