

*The Honorable, Chairman of the Kosovo Academy of Sciences and Arts of the Republic (KASA), Academician Kraja,*

*The Honorable, Chairman of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Albania (ASA), Academician Gjinushi,*

*Honorable, vice president of the Kosovo Academy of Sciences and Arts of the Republic (KASA), Academician Pula,*

*The Honorable, Vice President of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Albania (ASA), Academician Tole,*

*Dear Minister of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation of the Republic of Kosovo, Mrs. Nagavci,*

*The honorable Minister of Education and Science of North Macedonia, Mr. Shaqiri,*

*The honorable Rector of "Hasan Prishtina" University, Prof. Dr. Qerimi,*

*Dear Governor of the Bank of Albania, Mr. Sejko,*

*Dear organizers,*

*It is a special privilege to participate as a speaker in this important international conference, among prominent academicians and intellectuals, on a very important and current topic for the economies of our countries, such as "Challenges and perspectives of economic cooperation Kosovo-Albania and the region".*

*In the momentum of the great changes that the world economy has undergone in recent years, with an emphasis on geo-political ones, our small countries cannot imagine continuing the journey without deep cooperation in all spheres of life and economy, with multi-disciplinary access.*

*As the Central Bank of the Republic of Kosovo, we enthusiastically follow the interstate cooperation agreements that are signed by our states. These agreements, in particular economic ones, help to increase cross-sector cooperation, market integration as well as regional integration processes and beyond.*

*The Central Bank of the Republic of Kosovo has a genuine cooperation with the central banks of the countries of the region and beyond, and in particular with the Bank of Albania and the Financial Supervision Authority, which are counterpart institutions of the CBK.*

*Continuously, throughout 20 years, the Bank of Albania has supported the CBK through the exchange of experiences, in various fields and functions. It has helped in raising human capacities*

*and in advancing the process of carrying out the tasks and responsibilities of the CBK, based on the experience and expertise gained.*

*It is evident that this cooperation should be expanded and advanced in the future in several areas related to financial education, financial inclusion and modalities that facilitate and stimulate the movement of capital, people and motor vehicles. For this purpose, we also discussed with Governor Sejko, who honored us with his presence today.*

*We are engaged together with BoA in several regional cooperation initiatives, such as the Project for the Modernization of Payment Systems in the six countries of the Western Balkans, which aims to reduce the cost and increase the speed of payments/transfers between these countries, as well as between us and the European Union.*

*As Governor of the Central Bank of the Republic of Kosovo, I assure you that I will be a partner of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Kosovo, in scientific and research discussion platforms, ready to contribute to joint initiatives that go to this direction. We will also cooperate closely with the financial regulatory authorities of the Republic of Albania to achieve the above-mentioned goals.*

*Finally, I would like to mention that, among other things, a stable and steady financial system serves as a prerequisite for any regional cooperation initiative in any field of common interest to our countries and people.*

*I congratulate you on the organization, and I wish you success and productive work in the current scientific conference.*