

Information

Resolution 20/2 on "Conscientious objection to military service"

1. Point 2, Article 166 of the Constitution of the Republic of Albania define that *"...The citizen, who for reasons of conscience refuses to serve with weapons in the armed forces, is obliged to perform an alternative service, as provided by law ..."*.

This article of the Constitution has been implemented in law no. 9047, dated 10.7.2003 "On the military service in the Republic of Albania", amended. (Articles 20 - 23)

2. However, as of 2010, with the approval of the Military Strategy of the Republic of Albania (Law no. 9858, dated 27.12.2007, chapter VI, point 6.1), Albanian State does not anymore recruits citizen for compulsory military service, because Armed Forces have a professional service.

3. As above, having no compulsory military service, there are no cases or practice regarding the application of the principle of conscientious objection to military service.

4. The recruitment of Albanian citizens to be part of the active military service are performed by respecting the principles of transparency, equal opportunities, non-discrimination of class, religion or race, gender, religious or political affiliation.