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INTRODUCTION

The recent radical change in Central & Eastern Europe, which has opened up this region to democratic development and integration into the world economic system, means increased opportunity for Western businesses and lawyers.

The march of transformation from centrally-planned economies to market-oriented economies appears inexorable. The importance of law as one of the main instruments of this transformation is evident. We are observing a massive recourse to law in order to sustain the present thrust. A radical law reform is in fact underway in all countries of Central and Eastern Europe. The most important issues before the Central and East European countries are acceptance and legal protection of private ownership, giving enterprises autonomy and privatizing their assets, ending monopolies, creating conditions favorable to foreign investment, establishing capital markets, and creating a convertible currency and a sound banking system.

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Editorial Note

This law creates a new institutional structure for the administration of taxes in Albania. It establishes a Directorate of Taxes attached to the Ministry of Finance to operate the taxation system.

As a rule, taxes are levied in Albanian lek; exceptionally, they may levied in foreign currency.

The law establishes the principle that international conventions on tax matters, to which Albania is a party, have precedence over tax laws.