

## [AL] NCRT Report Approved

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On 19 March 2003 the Parliament of the Republic of Albania approved the "Annual Report on the Activities of the Keshilli Kombetar i Radiotelevizioneve (National Council for Radio and Television NCRT) for 2003". The Report, which provides information on the development of the licensing and monitoring of Albanian electronic media by the NCRT, is discussed at the beginning of each year in Parliament. In order to put the work of the NCRT on a firmer basis, the Albanian Parliament passed an amendment to the Law No. 8410 "On public and private television and radio stations in the Republic of Albania" in February 2003, according to which the Annual Report can be passed with a simple majority of votes. The previous provision had stipulated that the Annual Report had to be passed by two thirds of votes in the Parliament, which e.g. blocked the passage of the Council's Report for 2001.

The 2003 Report highlights inter alia the infringements of Copyright law by the Albanian electronic media, resulting from a change of the relevant law in October 2003 (see IRIS 2003-7: 13) and the financial situation of private broadcasting stations.

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*Decision of 19 March 2003 of the Parliament of the Republic of Albania to pass the "Annual Report on the Activities of the National Council of Radio and Television (NCRT) for 2003"*

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