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## ALBANIA, UNICEF İNK MOU ON BETTER PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

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"Adopting better child protection legislation, protection and promotion of the rights of the child in collaboration with the government in compliance with the international standards are the objectives of a Memorandum of Understanding signed by parliament and UNICEF Monday," a release by the parliament said.

Parliament Speaker Gramoz Ruci said parliament would work to ensure full compliance of the Albanian legislation with international standards and those of the Council of Europe on children's rights.

"We will also gradually align Albanian legislation with the EU acquis in areas such as protecting children from violence, abuse, harassment, discrimination and neglect; criminal justice for juveniles; the access of children to justice; education, social protection, health and budgeting for the rights of the child," Ruci said.

Meanwhile, UNICEF representative Ezio Gianni Murzi said that under this memorandum, UNICEF will provide technical assistance and reliable data on the situation of children in Albania, as well as the world's best practices and experiences.

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