

CONCLUSIONS OF THE CHAIR

Liaison arrangements

The two parties met on 28-29 January, 5 February, 14 February, 5-6 March, 11 March, 9 May and 30 May 2013 to exchange views on the liaison arrangements.

They reviewed the modalities proposed by the EU regarding the hosting of the Liaison Officer and his staff in the EU Delegation/ EU Office.

In addition, they agreed that the following provisions shall apply to the Liaison Officer and his staff:

Preamble: In the context of the European perspective for Western Balkans, Belgrade and Pristina are engaged in further steps leading to the normalisation of relations between the two parties. In December 2012, the Council of the EU additionally welcomed the decision to appoint liaison persons to be located in offices provided by the EU Delegation in Belgrade and the EU Office in Pristina who will follow all issues related to the normalisation of relations and will address all everyday problems that may occur. The European Union provides facilitation to put these arrangements in place and to assist in their implementation in line with EU best practice.

The exchange of Liaison Officers will begin as of 15 June 2013.

1. The office used by the Liaison Officer and his staff within the EU Delegation/ EU Office, as well as the archives and the documents that they use, including official correspondence, shall enjoy inviolability.



2. The private residence of the Liaison Officer and of his staff shall be inviolable. Both parties shall provide protection of the premises 24/7.

3. The respective Party shall ensure to the Liaison Officer and his staff freedom of movement and travel, and including in line with the agreement on freedom of movement reached in the dialogue on 2 July 2011.

4. Personal inviolability and protection. Both parties shall provide personal protection for the Liaison Officer and his staff 24/7.

5. Criminal, civil and administrative procedures against the Liaison Officer and the assistant shall be conducted only before the Court and other authorities of the jurisdiction of the Liaison Officer's and the assistant's Party. The Liaison Officer and the assistant shall not be subject to detention or arrest or be obliged to give evidence as a witness.

The driver shall benefit from the former provisions except that these provisions regarding civil and administrative procedures shall not extend to acts performed outside the course of his duties.

6. The Liaison Officer and his staff will be pay all taxes and dues regarding incomes connected to their duties to their respective Party.

7. The respective Party shall permit entry of and grant exemption from all customs duties, taxes, and related charges on:

- a. articles for the official use of the Liaison officer or of his staff;
- b. articles for the personal use of the Liaison Officer or of his staff or family members.

8. Upon 24 hours notification, both parties shall provide preferential entry/exit procedures, exemption from inspection of personal baggage as well as personal protection.

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9. The members of the family of the Liaison Officer and his staff (spouse and children up to the age of 18) forming part of their household shall enjoy the same conditions specified in paragraphs 3., 5., 6. and 8. apart from personal protection. In this regard:

Criminal, civil and administrative procedures against the family of the Liaison Officer and the assistant forming part of their respective household shall be conducted only before the court and other authorities of the jurisdiction of their Party except in the case of an action related to any professional and commercial activity of their family members.

Criminal procedures against the family of the driver forming part of his household shall be conducted only before the court and other authorities of the jurisdiction of the driver's Party.

10. The vehicle of the Liaison Officer will be provided car plates equivalent to those allocated to the EU Delegation/ EU Office.

11. The staff foreseen under these provisions shall be composed of a Liaison Officer, an assistant and a driver.

12. The Liaison Officer and his staff as well as the members of their families will be provided with special ID-cards with their titles and a reference to this agreement.

13. In the absence of the Liaison Officer, the assistant will perform his duties. The notification of the absence of the Liaison Officer will be submitted to the respective Party.

14. Both Parties will keep open and direct channels of communications with the respective Liaison Officer.

15. Both Parties shall ensure that all practical and administrative conditions needed are met to allow the Liaison Officer and his staff to perform their tasks.



16. Upon request of one of the Parties, these terms shall be reviewed and possibly amended upon mutual consent.

17. These terms will be implemented through the legislation of each Party respectively. Each party may submit an explanatory note to this effect.

Brussels 31 May 2013

On behalf of the
Government of the
Republic of Kosovo I
confirm the authentic
text.



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razgovarati.

I hereby confirm that this is
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