

EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE



Director MD III A

Western Europe, Western Balkans and Turkey

Brussels, 12 June 2014

Subject: Inclusive Regional Cooperation

Dear Sirs,

I would like to recall the agreement reached between Belgrade and Pristina in February 2012 on the terms for Kosovo's inclusion in regional fora and the subsequent letter you received from Robert Cooper, the EU Facilitator at the time. More than two years have passed since and some progress has been achieved but more could be done to promote inclusive regional cooperation in the Western Balkans.

I would strongly appeal to you to ensure that the arrangements agreed between the two parties are followed in order to achieve Kosovo's full inclusion in regional cooperation fora.

For your convenience I attach the agreement reached between the two parties and the Robert Cooper letter dated 2 March 2012.

If there is any way the EU can help you in this please feel free to contact us, either the EUSR in Kosovo, Mr Samuel Zbogar (samuel.zbogar@eeas.europa.eu) and his team (damijan.sedar@ext.eeas.europa.eu) or the EEAS (Herbert.pribitzer@eeas.europa.eu).

Yours sincerely

Fernando Gentilini

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The Counsellor

Brussels, 2 March 2012

Subject: Agreement on Regional fora

Dear Sirs,

You will be aware that in the most recent meeting of the EU facilitated Dialogue mandated by UN General Assembly Resolution 64/298 the parties reached agreement on the terms under which Kosovo would participate in regional fora.

I enclose copy of the agreed conclusions. I do this in accordance with points 8 and 9 in those conclusions.

I should be grateful if you could pay close attention to the conclusions and ensure that they are followed whenever you are chairing or hosting a meeting of any of the regional bodies covered by the conclusions.

If there is any way I can help you in this please feel free to contact me. Alternatively Ruud Van Enk (Ruud.VAN-ENK@ec.europa.eu), Lothar Jashke (Lothar.JASHKE@eeas.europa.eu) or Andrej Kiendl in Pristina (andrej.kiendl@eusrinkosovo.eu) will be able to help you.

Yours faithfully,
Robert Cooper

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Arrangements Regarding Regional Representation and Cooperation

1. Both parties confirm their commitment to effective, inclusive and representative regional cooperation.
2. To this effect 'Kosovo*' is the only denomination to be used within the framework of regional cooperation.
3. The footnote to be applied to the asterisk in para 2 above will read
"This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence."
4. 'Kosovo*' participates on its own account and speaks for itself at all regional meetings.
5. Where new agreements are to be initialled and/or signed, a representative of 'Kosovo*' will sign under the designation in paras 2 and 3 above.
6. As concerns modifications to existing agreements signed by UNMIK, nothing in these conclusions will be interpreted as prejudicial to UNMIK's legal rights. A representative of the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) will be invited to meetings organised within the framework of arrangements for which it is a signatory. It is for UNMIK to decide whether to attend any particular meeting.
7. Hosts of meetings will be encouraged to avoid the display of national symbols except for their own and those of the EU, taking into account the statutes of relevant organisations.
8. The EU as Facilitator will inform relevant regional organisations and entities of these arrangements for denomination, representation and signature. They should be reflected in the practical organisation of regional meetings. The EU will monitor the implementation of these arrangements.
9. Both parties and the EU will urge partners to support these arrangements and to assist in their implementation.
10. The regional organisations referred to in these conclusions are existing and future intergovernmental organisations or arrangements whose aim is to promote cooperation or integration in the Balkan region. "Regional meetings" includes meetings of these organisations and also ad-hoc or informal meetings with similar aims. It also includes meetings with EU institutions in the context of the European agenda.
11. These arrangements are adopted on an interim basis.