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Kosovo/a 120 Days After the Constitution's Adoption

Berlin, 10 October 2008

Program

Conference Venue: Deutscher Bundestag, Jakob-Kaiser-Haus
Entrance: Dorotheenstr.100, Room 1.228

S-Bahn Unter den Linden, S/U-Bahn Friedrichstr., TXL-Bus Stop Marschallbrücke

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Conference Language: English

We appreciate with gratitude the support of Mr. Detlef Dzembritzki, MP, Chairman of the Southeast Europe Group of the German Bundestag

Background / aim of the conference

Another 120 days, within which the build-up of the EU mission EULEX should have been completed in order to take over from UNMIK, will have passed in mid-October! In the meantime the uncertainties within the EU and the United Nations (Security Council), but also between the EU, the United Nations and the parties concerned (Pristina and Belgrade/Moscow) have not at all been dismantled. Still, six of the 27 EU members do not indicate that they will recognize the independence of Kosovo, and the same is true for the majority of the UN member states. On the other hand, the authorities in Kosovo are exerted to comply with the Ahtisaari plan in establishing the required essentials in general state and municipal administration, in the judiciary, policing, etc.

The International Community, and in particular the EU, have been comforted by the supporting letter of the Secretary General of the United Nations to proceed with their preparations for commencing their supportive work in the framework of ICO and EULEX. However recently, the UN General Committee backed Serbia's request for a ruling of the International Court of Justice on the Kosovo recognition. At the same time the strongest supporter of the Serbian case, Russia, unsettled Belgrade when recognizing the two separatist provinces in Georgia, Abkhazia and South Ossetia, opening herewith also a challenging discussion on the comparability of the Serbian and the Georgian case!

In this rather unassertive and fragile situation the conference will try to assess what has been achieved so far and what still is missing - notwithstanding the great problems that accompany the entire process. The still differing positions of the main actors and the necessary and at the same time feasible next moves will be discussed. Special attention will be given to the regional and broader international environment and the implications resulting from the only partial recognition of Kosovo.

09:30 hrs Registration at the Entrance of the German Bundestag / Security Check of Participants

10:00 hrs Welcome address and introduction (open to the media)

Gernot Erler, MP, Minister of State at the German Federal Foreign Office / President Southeast Europe Association, Berlin

Key Notes

H.E. Hajredin Kuqi, Deputy Prime Minister, Pristina

Amb. Pieter Feith, International Civilian Representative / EU Special Representative, Pristina

End of access to the media – next panels: closed shop under Chatham House Rules

11:00 hrs Panel I: International presence in Kosovo/a – challenges and opportunities

Moderation:

Amb. Dr. Emily Haber, Special Envoy for Southeastern Europe and Turkey, German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

Introductory remarks by

Jolyon Naegele, Director, Political Affairs Office, UNMIK, Pristina

Stefan Lehne, Director, Western Balkans Region, Council of the European Union, Brussels

Goran Svilanović, International Commission on the Balkans, Belgrade

Dmitry Suslov, Deputy Director for Research, Council on Foreign and Defense Policy, Moscow

12:30 hrs Panel II: Kosovo/a in international and regional fora

Moderation:

Dr. Franz-Lothar Altmann, Assoc. Prof., Member of the Board, Southeast Europe Association, Munich

Introductory remarks by

Amb. Hido Bišćević, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council, Sarajevo

Veton Surroi, Publisher, Pristina

Amb. Dr. Milica Delević, Assistant Minister for EU Integration,
Belgrade

Amb. Herbert Salber, Director, OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre,
Vienna

13:30 hrs Lunch

Lunch Speech by Dr. Joachim Rucker, former SRSG, Stockholm

14:30 hrs Panel III: State-building (rule of law, decentralisation, Kosovo Serb community)
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Moderation:

Khaldoun Sinno, Head of Political, Economic and EU Integration
Section, European Commission Liaison Office to Kosovo, Pristina

Introductory remarks by

Dr. Enver Hoxhaj, Minister of Education, Science and Technology,
Pristina

Oliver Ivanović, State Secretary, Ministry for Kosovo and Metohija,
Belgrade

General Yves de Kermabon, Head of Mission, EULEX Kosovo

16:00 hrs Panel IV: Economy

Moderation:

Franz Kaps, Senior Partnership Advisor, Europe and Central Asia
Region, The World Bank

Introductory remarks by

Dr. Andreas Wittkowsky, Deputy Head Pillar IV, UNMIK, Pristina

Peter Grasmann, Head Economic and Fiscal Affairs Unit, International
Civilian Office (ICO), Pristina

17:30 hrs: Press Conference

18:00 hrs: End of the meeting