



JOINT RULE OF LAW COORDINATION BOARD

COMPACT 2

The Kosovo Rule of Law Institutions, the Head of the EU Office in Kosovo/EU Special Representative and EULEX Kosovo,

Acknowledging the achievements reached in the implementation of the Compact signed on 9 November 2012 as overseen by the Joint Rule of Law Coordination Board (JRCB);

Recognising the need for the Kosovo authorities to effectively cooperate with EULEX Kosovo and the EUSR/EU Office so that further progress is made in the rule of law sector to reach the goals of the Compact and to satisfy the requirements of Kosovo's visa liberalisation and EU accession aspirations;

Acknowledging the commitment of the Kosovo rule of law institutions to implement their existing strategies and plans for advancing the rule of law and to work with the EUSR/EU Office and EULEX Kosovo to advance the joint agenda; ensuring the readiness of rule of law stakeholders in Kosovo to deal with challenges beyond the current EULEX mandate.

Acknowledging the renewed commitment of the Kosovo rule of law institutions to make further progress towards sustainability and accountability, and to develop and strengthen an independent multi-ethnic justice system and a multi-ethnic police and

customs service that are free from political interference, corruption, respect human rights and adhere to internationally recognized standards and European best practices;

Reaffirming their joint commitment to work within the overall EU policy framework as defined in the Stabilisation and Association Process with Kosovo, including the Feasibility Study;

Reaffirming the willingness to contribute to a normalization of relations between Pristina and Belgrade and move forward with the implementation of agreements reached so far in the EU facilitated dialogue as well as any other agreement in the rule of law area reached in the future;

Taking due note of the full complementarity of the European Union assistance programmes for Kosovo with the overall objectives, concrete goals and specific activities foreseen under this *Compact*;

have agreed as follows:

1. The Kosovo institutions, assisted by the European Union through *inter alia*, EULEX Kosovo Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA) projects and associated programmes of support, re-commit themselves to the following overall

Joint Rule of Law Objectives:

- Strengthening police, customs, correctional and judicial institutions across the entire territory of Kosovo, including in the north of Kosovo, for the benefit of all communities;
- Increasing the ability of Kosovo's rule of law institutions to deal with inter-ethnic crime, serious and organized crime and corruption;
- Enhancing the anti-corruption capabilities of Kosovo's institutions, particularly through the criminal justice system;
- Enhancing the accountability of all rule of law institutions by allowing institutions such as the Kosovo Judicial Council, the Kosovo Prosecutorial Council and the

Police Inspectorate of Kosovo as well as relevant internal structures to fully assume their roles in accordance with the law;

- Consolidating the strategic, operational and organizational management capacity of Kosovo's rule of law institutions to advance implementation of relevant legislation, strategies and action plans;
- Fostering a higher degree of ethnic inclusion and gender balance in the Kosovo rule of law institutions;
- Improving the responsiveness of Kosovo's rule of law institutions to concerns frequently raised by minorities in relation to public safety, accessibility and openness;
- Strengthening inter-institutional cooperation between prosecutorial bodies and law enforcement by facilitating a higher degree of communication between these institutions;
- Enhancing the ability of the relevant institutions in addressing outstanding property-related claims;
- Further developing of the Kosovo witness protection system;
- Implement agreements reached in the framework of the EU facilitated dialogue, including the use of the EUSR office to facilitate mutual legal assistance requests.

2. The undersigned endorse the jointly developed new Compact Actions, which set specific activities and concrete goals with measurable benchmarks in line with the stated overall Joint Rule of Law Objectives.

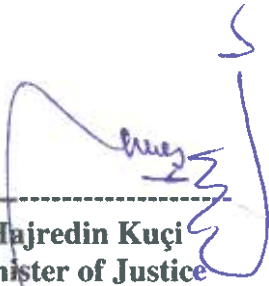
3. In pursuit of these overall Joint Rule of Law Objectives, the Head of the EU Office in Kosovo/EUSR, the Head of Mission of EULEX Kosovo, the Minister of Justice, the Chair of the Kosovo Judicial Council and the Chair of Kosovo Prosecutorial Council hereby pledge to meet regularly in the Joint Rule of Law Coordination Board to examine progress made and agree upon constructive, practical and coordinated action to resolve obstacles and advance technical progress, including in the following priority areas:

- i) Compact Actions implementation;

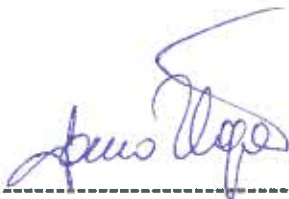
- ii) Rule of law requirements highlighted in the EU Visa Liberalisation Roadmap and the Commission Progress Report;
- iii) Legislation related to the rule of law;
- iv) Continuity in rule of law service delivery beyond the current EULEX mandate;
- iv) Reform priorities enumerated in Kosovo's Justice Sector Review.

4. The Kosovo institutions, the EUSR/EU Office and EULEX Kosovo reiterate their strong commitment to overcoming identified gaps and to allocating the necessary resources and focusing their work so as to reach the overall Joint Rule of Law Objectives as set out in this Compact.

Pristina, the 14 May 2015




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