



EUROPEAN UNION

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EU Statement on the recent developments in Kosovo*

We take note with concern of the developments described in the Spot Report of 28 May by the OSCE Mission to Kosovo and we call on both Pristina and Belgrade to exercise restraint and refrain from any statements or actions that may lead to increased tensions. The delicate political situation in the region, including in the area of northern Kosovo, requires authorities to act with utmost care and proportionality.

The EU underlines the necessity to combat corruption and organized crime with determination and in accordance with the rule of law.

International personnel must strictly be treated in accordance with international law.

The EU will closely follow this matter and reserves the right to revert back to this issue once all facts have been clarified.

The Candidate Countries NORTH MACEDONIA* and MONTENEGRO* and ALBANIA align themselves with this statement.

* North Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.