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EUSR Pieter Feith welcomes 2008 Progress Report and Enlargement strategy for Kosovo

Following the publication of the 2008 Progress Report for Kosovo today by the European Commission, Pieter Feith, European Union Special Representative (EUSR) made the following statement:

"The European Commission's Progress Report published today is an important tool assessing Kosovo's overall progress in undertaking necessary reforms. It reiterates the message that Kosovo shares the European perspective of the rest of the region. In doing so it also points out areas where continued and increased efforts are required from the local authorities to turn this perspective into reality.

I welcome the proposal of the Commission to conduct a feasibility study, evaluating means to further Kosovo's political and socio-economic development. This study is good news for Kosovo as it will develop ideas on how Kosovo, as part of the region, best can progress towards integration with the EU. In this context I encourage the relevant institutions in Kosovo to undertake the necessary reforms."

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Note to the editor:

For further information on the 2008 Progress Report for Kosovo and related documents, please see the website of the European Commission Liaison Office in Kosovo:

<http://www.delprn.ec.europa.eu/>