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**Javier SOLANA,
EU High Representative for the CFSP,
on UN reconfiguration of the civilian presence in Kosovo**

Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) made today the following remarks after the United Nations Security Council session on the reconfiguration of the UN mission in Kosovo (UNMIK):

"I welcome the report by the United Nations Secretary General (UNSG), Ban Ki-moon, on UNMIK and his intention to reconfigure the international civilian presence in Kosovo. The UNSG has our full support. The UN has made commendable work in Kosovo since 1999 but due to changed circumstances the international presence now has to be adjusted.

Let me also reiterate the EU's commitment to play a leading role in Kosovo, in particular in the area of rule of law. Reconfiguration of the civilian presence will allow for the EULEX mission, in the framework of the UNSC 1244, to intensify its deployment and to move towards assuming its operational functions.

I want to underline that stability in Kosovo as well as of the whole Balkan region is essential and remains a high priority for the European Union."

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