

Dear colleagues,

The existing on-call system foresees that there will be one Judge, one Legal Officer and/or Legal Advisor assigned to the given District Court, one court-recorder and one language assistant on-call for every District Court. That means that at least 20 people shall be on-call during every weekend Kosovo-wide.

In the last four months (17 weeks) since the mission became operational the on-call teams Kosovo-wide have been called not more than three times. Statistically that means maximum 3.53% chance to have a call during the weekend.\*

It seems necessary to optimise the existing on-call system by adapting it to realities.

One possible solution might be to have only one (in stead of five) DC team on-call Kosovo-wide. The rotation could be based on the alphabetical order of the DCs and the number of judges in each DC:

- Gjilan/Gnjilane - Mitrovice/Mitrovica - Peja/Pec - Prishtine/Pristina- Prizren

The other possible solution might be to have two (in stead of five) DC teams on-call, combined on geographical base: one team covering the DCs of Gjilan/Gnjilane, Mitrovice/Mitrovica and Prishtine/Pristina and the other one – the DCs of Peja/Pec and Prizren. The rotation could be based on the alphabetical order of the DCs and the number of judges in each DC:

- Gjilan/Gnjilane - Mitrovice/Mitrovica - Prishtine/Pristina
- Peja/Pec - Prizren

Let's discuss the issue at the next Judges Assembly on 22 April 2009.

Gjilan/Gnjilane DC Judges Team

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\* 3 calls / 85 on-call weekends (17 weeks x 5 DCs) \* 100 % = 3.53% chance