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Master Messages for the future ESDP mission in Kosovo

The Kosovo authorities will have the main responsibility for ensuring the maintenance and promotions of Rule of Law, the ESDP mission will their supporting party in fulfilling this.

The ESDP mission will support the Kosovo authorities by monitoring, mentoring and advising on all areas related to the rule of law, in particular in the judiciary, police, customs and correctional services.

The ESDP mission will ensure, in close cooperation with the Kosovo authorities, that serious crimes are properly investigated, prosecuted and that any outcome of these procedures is thereafter properly enforced.

The ESDP mission will have some limited correctional powers. These correctional powers are clearly defined and carried out under the direction of the EUSR by the ESDP mission only when there is a potential threat to the Rule of Law.

The limited correctional powers are safeguards in a maturing Rule of Law system to protect the Kosovo population's rights. Through mechanisms of review the intent is to reduce the scope of the powers with time.

The ESDP mission is being planned in close cooperation with the Kosovo authorities, paving the way for local ownership and a mission with a strong interaction with the Kosovo society. The whole mission is being planned on the assumption of co-location with our Kosovo counterparts.

The ESDP mission will be EU's largest **civilian** crisis management operation to date employing around 1800 police, judges, prosecutors and custom officials.

Whereas UNMIK has been administrating Kosovo, the ESDP mission will only be supporting the Kosovo authorities. The ESDP mission will be a smaller and a more precise mission with limited correctional powers. In addition the ESDP mission is a part of a broader EU commitment to Kosovo on the political (EUSR), operational (ESDP) and financial (EC) side with close cooperation with the all EU actors in Kosovo.

The mandate of the ESDP mission will be terminated when the Kosovo authorities have implemented the terms of the Status Settlement and developed and gained enough experience to guarantee that all members of society benefit from the Rule of Law.

The ESDP mission has no wish to stay longer than necessary in Kosovo. However, the overall EU presence should be permanent since it is the hope that Kosovo in the future will be integrated into the European Union as a full worthy member.