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Good morning everybody, no points from UNMIK or KFOR, over to the OSCE.

**Elli Flen**

Good morning! The OSCE Mission has as of today a new Head of Mission: Ambassador Werner Almhofer from Austria. Ambassador Almhofer was previously the Austrian Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina. He will have to go back to his duty station in Sarajevo for next week to do check out and finish his work there. By mid-October, he will fully move to Pristina. In the meantime, Deputy Head of Mission Markku Laamanen will be acting head of the Mission. That is all from us, thank you.

**Koha Ditore:** Alex, can you tell us what is going on with the negotiations with Belgrade, the negotiations process? And could UN be involved although it is status neutral, we understand that, in the status talks that Serbia is hinting at?

**Alex:** I see no way that UNMIK can be involved in any status talks because that issue is as far as we are concerned a done deal, so there is nothing for UNMIK to get involved in. Concerning dialogue, Mr. Harland has left today to Belgrade where he will have several meetings, today and tomorrow, and our focus right now is trying to normalize the situation with the Serb members of the Police and Customs.

**Kim Radio:** What do you know about the construction of residential object for veterans of KLA in Staro Gradsko and do you know who ordered that and who allowed that? Question for Ivanko.

**Alex:** I have a feeling that I am getting questions which should not be addressed to me. I mean we do have a Kosovo Government and this is post-Constitution Kosovo, so these

issues should not be addressed to us, I mean I cannot answer that. Please call the Kosovo Government and ask them about that.

**Zëri:** Alex, how does UNMIK see the latest statement of President Tadic about partition?

**Alex:** Our position has always been very, very clear, and it is not only our position, it is the Contact Group position, and as far as we are concerned, there should not be partition of Kosovo, period. I do not see anything else to discuss about this issue.

**Kosova Sot:** Do you think that this declaration by Tadic could affect the talks that UNMIK is leading?

**Alex:** No, it cannot because these are status related issues that you are referring to. We are a facilitator of the technical dialogue on six issues, which have been given to us by the Secretary General, so we have no role in this; this is something that you have to ask people who have a much higher pay-grade than mine.

**Kim Radio:** For Friday, you announced the opening of the Court in Kosovska Mitrovica. How many Serbs will be returned to work there, former judicial employees?

**Alex:** That is an easy one, none. Only internationals will be working in the Court as of now. Any other questions? Thank you very much.