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Cooperation agreements signed between UNMIK and Albania on Public Veterinary Services and Plant Protection

PRISTINA – Today UNMIK and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Republic of Albania signed two agreements for the cooperation of the Public Veterinary Services and the cooperation in the field of Plant Protection over the next five years.

The cooperation agreements fall within the overall framework of the Free Trade Agreement signed between UNMIK SRSG and the Government of the Republic of Albania on 7 July 2003 which seeks to link Kosovo into the network of FTAs in South Eastern Europe that has been developed under the Stability Pact Working Group on Trade.

The two technical agreements lay the foundation for the joint collaboration in the protection of people, livestock and plants against the introduction of epizootic diseases and quarantine pests, as a consequence of the import, export and transit of animals, plants and their products between Kosovo and the Republic of Albania.

The cooperation agreements were signed by Mr. Francesco M. Bastagli, Deputy SRSG for Civil Administration, on behalf of UNMIK, and Mr. Agron Duka, Minister of Agriculture and Food on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Albania. Mr. Menderes Ibra, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development, on behalf of the Provisional Institutions of Self – Government of Kosovo, also initialed the cooperation agreements.