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UNMIK Signs Memorandum of Understanding with ICMP

PRISTINA – Jean-Christian Cady, DSRSG of Police and Justice Pillar, and Gordon Bacon, of the International Commission on Mission Persons, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today.

The MoU will reinforce procedures between UNMIK and ICMP regarding a DNA-led identification process, with the aim of better assisting families in their search for information on the fate and location of their loved ones.

UNMIK believes that a significant step has been reached, which formalizes the existing cooperation between the two organizations.

DNA technology is an important element of the missing persons' operation. A large number of affected families in Kosovo benefit from the availability of this technology, as a significant amount of mortal remains cannot be identified without the DNA process. Pursuant to the MoU, ICMP has dedicated its resources to use DNA technology to further Office on Missing Persons and Forensics' (OMPF) mandate in Kosovo.

It is hoped that the new MoU will more clearly define roles and accountabilities and that the families will gain ultimately from this increased collaboration.

The new MoU, which will be available on the UNMIK's website at www.unmikonline.org follows two and a half years after former SRSG Hans Haekkerup signed the first memorandum.