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PDSRSG Swears in 26 Kosovo Judges and Prosecutors

PRISTINA – Today, twenty-six (26) Kosovo judges and prosecutors took the Oath of Office. Charles Brayshaw, Principal Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General and Rexhep Haxhimusa President of the Supreme Court of Kosovo officiated at the swearing-in ceremony held at the UNMIK HQ in Pristina.

Among the 19 judges and 7 prosecutors who were sworn-in today, there were 10 Serb judges and 1 Serb prosecutor.

These judges and prosecutors were appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Constitutional Framework, under which the SRSG appoints judges and prosecutors from lists of candidates recommended by the Kosovo Judicial and Prosecutorial Council (KJPC) and endorsed by the Assembly of Kosovo.

The newly sworn-in judges and prosecutors will immediately start to work in their respective courts and prosecutor's offices throughout Kosovo, in line with UNMIK's aim of achieving a fully functioning, independent and multi-ethnic judiciary in Kosovo.

The new appointments bring the total number of Kosovo judges to 320 including 88% Kosovo Albanians, 7% Kosovo Serbs and 5% from other ethnic groups. The prosecutors now number 53, of which about 10% (including 4% Kosovo Serbs) are from minority ethnic groups.