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SRSG Harri Holkeri Promulgates Regulation Approving Kosovo Consolidated Budget 2004

PRISTINA – SRSG Harri Holkeri today promulgated the UNMIK Regulation 2003/41 ‘On the approval of the Kosovo Consolidated Budget and the authorizing expenditures for the period 1 January to 31 December 2004’.

The 2004 budget forecasts revenue of €619m and expenditure of €632m. The deficit of €13m will be made up by drawing from the budget surplus in 2003.

The budget will be fully financed by Kosovo’s own revenue. The revenue forecast for 2004 is higher compared to 2003 mid-year budget review figure when €584m were collected as revenue.

VAT on imported and domestic products is expected to net the maximum revenue of €237.8m, followed by revenue collected from excise tax (€158m), Customs duties (€80m) and tax on income (€68.4m) and other taxes and non-tax revenue. Municipalities are expected to earn €34m from their own sources of revenue such as property tax and other taxes.

The Kosovo Budget for 2004 includes some €129m for expenditure on capital investment purposes such as roads, buildings etc. In addition to this investment financed within the Kosovo Budget, some €200m of other investment for capital purposes, is expected to be financed by donors in 2004.

In signing the regulation, the SRSG took into account the 23 December communication from the President of the Assembly of Kosovo on the proposed annual appropriations legislation and the advice of the Economic and Fiscal Council.