

REGULATION NO. 1999/1

UNMIK/REG/1999/1

25 July 1999

ON THE AUTHORITY OF THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATION IN KOSOVO

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General,

Recalling [resolution 1244 \(1999\)](#) of 10 June 1999, whereby the United Nations Security Council, acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, authorized the Secretary-General, with the assistance of relevant international organizations, to establish an international civil presence in Kosovo, known as the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), in order to provide an interim administration in Kosovo with the mandate as described in the resolution;

Acting pursuant to the authority given to him under United Nations Security Council [resolution 1244 \(1999\)](#) of 10 June 1999, and for the purpose of establishing and maintaining the interim administration in the territory of Kosovo;

Hereby promulgates the following:

Section 1

AUTHORITY OF THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATION

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1.1 1.1 All legislative and executive authority with respect to Kosovo, including the administration of the judiciary, is vested in UNMIK and is exercised by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General.

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1.2 1.2 The Special Representative of the Secretary-General may appoint any person to perform functions in the civil administration in Kosovo, including the judiciary, or remove such person. Such functions shall be exercised in accordance with the existing laws, as specified in section 3, and any regulations issued by UNMIK.

Section 2

OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STANDARDS

In exercising their functions, all persons undertaking public duties or holding public office in Kosovo shall observe internationally recognized human rights standards and shall not discriminate against any person on any ground such as sex, race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, association with a national community, property, birth or other status.

Section 3

APPLICABLE LAW IN KOSOVO

The laws applicable in the territory of Kosovo prior to 24 March 1999 shall continue to apply in Kosovo insofar as they do not conflict with standards referred to in section 2, the fulfillment of the mandate given to UNMIK under United Nations Security Council [resolution 1244 \(1999\)](#), or the present or any other regulation issued by UNMIK.

Section 4

REGULATIONS ISSUED BY UNMIK

In the performance of the duties entrusted to the interim administration under United Nations Security Council [resolution 1244 \(1999\)](#), UNMIK will, as necessary, issue legislative acts in the form of regulations. Such regulations will remain in force until repealed by UNMIK or superseded by such rules as are subsequently issued by the institutions established under a political settlement, as provided for in United Nations Security Council [resolution 1244 \(1999\)](#)

Section 5

ENTRY INTO FORCE AND PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS ISSUED BY UNMIK

5.1 UNMIK regulations shall be approved and signed by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General. They shall enter into force upon the date specified therein.

5.2 UNMIK regulations shall be issued in Albanian, Serbian and English. In case of divergence, the English text shall prevail. The regulations shall be published in a manner that ensures their wide dissemination by public announcement and publication.

5.3 5.3 UNMIK regulations shall bear the symbol UNMIK/REG/, followed by the year of issuance and the issuance number of that year. A register of the regulations shall indicate the date of promulgation, the subject matter and amendments or changes thereto or the repeal or suspension thereof.

Section 6

STATE PROPERTY

UNMIK shall administer movable or immovable property, including monies, bank accounts, and other property of, or registered in the name of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia or the Republic of Serbia or any of its organs, which is in the territory of Kosovo.

Section 7

ENTRY INTO FORCE

The present regulation shall be deemed to have entered into force as of 10 June 1999, the date of adoption by the United Nations Security Council of [resolution 1244 \(1999\)](#).

Dr. Bernard Kouchner
Special Representative of the Secretary-General