The Special Representative of the Secretary-General,

Pursuant to the authority given to him under Chapter 11 of United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) Regulation No. 2000/45 of 11 August 2000 on Self-Government of Municipalities in Kosovo,

In conformity with the Constitutional Framework for Provisional Self-Government in Kosovo (UNMIK) Regulation No. 2001/9 of 15 May 2001,

Taking into account sections 1.3, 5.2, 8.1 (a), (v) and (w), and Chapter 4 of the Constitutional Framework for Provisional Self-Government in Kosovo, relating respectively to local government administration, the rights of communities and responsibilities reserved to the SRSG,

Respecting UNMIK Regulation No. 2000/43 of 27 July 2000, as amended, on the Number, Names and Boundaries of Municipalities,


Having consulted with the Government,

For the purpose of providing, in the context of the reform of local government, for the establishment of pilot projects within the existing municipal structures in Kosovo to test the setting up of new units of local self-government in the form of pilot projects,

Hereby issues the following Administrative Direction:
Section 1
Pilot Projects

1.1 Pilot Projects, consisting of both pilot municipalities and pilot municipal units, as defined in the 2005 Working Programme for the Reform of Local Government (hereinafter “the Working Programme”), shall be established within certain existing municipalities in Kosovo for provisional devolution of responsibilities to, and the improvement of services provided by, local government administration, as set out in the Working Programme.

1.2 The implementation of the approved Pilot Projects shall commence upon the entry into force of the present Administrative Direction. The actual commencement of Pilot Project(s) involving particular pilot municipal unit(s) referred to in section 2.1 below may be carried out in a phased manner, but without undue delays.

Section 2
Pilot Municipal Units

2.1 There shall be established five (5) pilot municipal units within five (5) municipalities identified in section 3.2 of the Working Programme, as follows:

(a) The pilot municipal unit in Junik/Junik within the municipality of Deçan/Dečane (municipality No. 01);

(b) The pilot municipal unit in Partesh/Parteš within the municipality of Gjilan/Gnjilane (municipality No. 04);

(c) The pilot municipal unit in Hani i Elezit/Deneral Jankoviče within the municipality of Kaçanik/Kačanik (municipality No. 07);

(d) The pilot municipal unit in Graçanicë/Gračanica within the municipality of Prishtinë/Priština (municipality No. 19); and

(e) The pilot municipal unit in Mamushë/Mamuša within the municipality of Prizren/Prizren (municipality No. 20).

2.2 A pilot municipal unit shall be established in accordance with the principles set out in the Working Programme and may include one or more cadastral zone(s) specified in UNMIK Regulation No. 2000/43.

2.3 The territorial delineation of each pilot municipal unit, in accordance with UNMIK Regulation 2000/43 Schedules A and B, shall be determined by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General through the issuance of an
Executive Decision based on a recommendation of the Minister of Local Government Administration prior to the actual commencement of each Pilot Project involving particular pilot municipal unit being phased in.

2.4 The implementation of pilot projects by the present Administrative Direction shall not violate the existing Municipal boundaries.

Section 3
Provisional Assemblies of Pilot Municipal Units

3.1. The highest representative body of the pilot municipal unit shall be the Provisional Assembly.

3.2. A Provisional Assembly shall be appointed by the SRSG upon the nomination by the Minister of Local Government Administration following a selection process which shall be designed to take fully into account views of residents of the areas concerned.

3.3. Inhabitants of the pilot municipal units referred to in Section 2 above, who serve as elected members of the Municipal Assembly of the respective pilot municipality, shall also serve as members of the Provisional Assembly of the pilot municipal unit while continuing to serve as elected Assembly members of the pilot municipality.

3.4. The number of members of a Provisional Assembly shall be determined by the SRSG in coordination with the Ministry of Local Government Administration taking into consideration the population parameters of the respective pilot municipal units.

3.5. The inaugural session of the Provisional Assembly shall be convened by the Minister of Local Government Administration within 15 days after the appointment referred to in Section 3.2 above. This inaugural session of the Provisional Assembly shall be chaired by the oldest member of the Provisional Assembly.

Section 4
Operation and Competencies of Pilot Municipal Units

4.1. The scope of responsibilities and powers, structure, and procedures of representative and executive bodies of pilot municipal units shall be mutatis mutandis as set out in UNMIK Regulation No. 2000/45, unless otherwise explicitly provided for in the present Administrative Direction.
4.2. Pilot municipal units will be granted the same competencies as all other existing municipalities under applicable law. Pilot municipal units shall exercise the regulatory and administrative authority independently from the pilot municipality during the pilot phase.

4.3. The administrative exercise of responsibilities and powers by pilot municipal units shall be progressively phased in commensurate to the building of local capacities.

4.4. Pilot municipal units are subject to all laws applicable in Kosovo. Pilot municipal units that are in violation of or otherwise fail to comply with the laws that apply in Kosovo, shall be terminated by means of an Administrative Direction issued by the SRSG in consultation with the Government.

Section 5
Supervision of Pilot Municipal Units

The Ministry of Local Government Administration shall exercise the supervisory authority over the bodies covered in the present Administrative Direction in coordination with UNMIK.

Section 6
Entry into Force

The present Administrative Direction shall enter into force on 22 July 2005 and shall remain in effect until the date of 2006 Municipal Elections.

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