

**Remarks by Head of Presence, EU and US Ambassadors following meeting with
SP Chair Edi Rama**

Head of Presence, Ambassador Eugen Wollfarth: The three of us, Ambassadors Arvizu, Sequi, and me, met with the Socialist Party (SP) chair to discuss the current political situation. He had asked us to meet with him before and it was a very fruitful meeting on the process that is already underway this autumn. And this process needs to move forward. Important proposals have been made, and Mr Edi Rama gave us some additional background on these proposals. It is an open list, starting with issues related to the way the Assembly functions, and how the electoral code could look in the future, and other points. One important point we think is that it is an open list and a proposal for dialogue with the majority side. It needs to be taken in full seriousness and into consideration by all the interested parties, and if settled in a reasonable timeframe it also should lead before next spring or during next spring to some results. We are also here to support, to move the different sides, to help them to move forward. And especially the OSCE stands ready to support any move when it comes to identifying common ground and to identify the way ahead, and especially when it comes to European integration.

Head of EU Delegation, Ambassador Ettore Sequi: I fully agree with the statement of Ambassador Wollfarth. I will only add one thing: Gur gur bëhet mur.

US Ambassador Alexander A. Arvizu: I endorse fully what my two colleagues have said. The US supports wholeheartedly Albania's integration path, and we are just trying to clear up ways toward accomplishing that.