



**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
SERBIA AMBASSADOR VUK ŽUGIĆ AT THE 915th MEETING OF
THE OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

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Mr. Chairman,

In regard to the incidents that took place in the north of Kosovo and Metohija on June 1 2012 we would like to underline that relevant Serbian authorities expressed their deep concern and undertook urgent steps, in order to calm the situation and preserve stability. In that context, the special meeting of the National Security Council of the Republic of Serbia was held immediately after the tensions broke out.

In the statement, the NSC urged the international presence on the ground to prevent, within the scope of their mandates, all attempts of the interim authorities in Pristina aimed at causing instability and fear among the Serb population and to refrain from using force against unprotected citizens in the province.

The Council as well also urged citizens to refrain from confrontations with members of the international missions and to help to calm the situation.

At the end of that statement it was stated that all problems in Kosovo must be solved through dialogue, without violence and this is only way to improve the stability in the whole region.

Late on the same day, the president of Serbia Mr. Tomislav Nikolic said that it was “important to end clashes and calm down the people living there”.

Having in mind already tense and complex situation on the ground, we expect from all stakeholders on the ground to refrain from any actions which may cause further escalation and to seek solutions through peaceful means and in good faith. In conclusion, we expect from international presence to continue to operate under a status neutral manner and in accordance with UN SCR 1244.