



## **EUROPEAN UNION**

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### **EU statement on northern Kosovo**

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The European Union strongly condemns the recent violence in northern Kosovo on 1 June and, in particular, the attacks against KFOR soldiers acting in conformity with KFOR's mandate to guarantee freedom of movement. Two KFOR soldiers sustained gunshot wounds, and a number of civilians were injured in these incidents.

Against this background, we urge that the mandate of the international missions should be fully respected.

The recent events underline the importance of continued presence and work of the international community in Kosovo. The EU fully supports the efforts of EULEX and KFOR to de-escalate tensions on the ground and restore security and freedom of movement. We underline the importance of the close collaboration between EULEX and KFOR and call on all sides to co-operate with them. The EU reiterates its call on all sides to refrain from violence and to resolve their differences peacefully, for the benefit for all.

The EU commends the progress made in the EU-facilitated dialogue between Belgrade and Pristina and expects prompt and thorough implementation in good faith of all agreements reached in this dialogue, which should resume once the new government in Serbia has been formed.