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Statement

by the Albanian Ambassador Gilbert Galanxhi

at the Special Permanent Council Meeting

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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

The Albanian Delegation welcomes Minister Jeremic to the proceedings of this Special PC meeting, and wishes to express its support for all efforts and steps that Serbia is making towards EU integration. Please, allow me Mr. Chairman to state clearly from the very beginning that Albania fully agrees with and supports the opinions and ideas expressed by the distinguished Ambassador of Spain in the name of the European Union.

Albania strongly believes that the future of our region as a whole is and should be the full integration into the European Union, although we are fully aware of the distinct historical, social and cultural peculiarities that each of our states has. We should have the courage to forge our common future always in line with the EU integration goal.

With reference to the independent multiethnic Republic of Kosova, it is an irreversible reality recognized till now by 69 member states of the United Nations Organization. Regardless of hot rhetoric, the fact is that the independent Kosova has produced more stability in the region, and has opened better perspectives for a better life of its people.

What is needed at this moment of history is the right message from all sides: the message of participation, reconciliation and cooperation. History has provided us with good examples; we only need to have the courage to take advantage of such good examples.

Albania has always and continuously tried hard to play a constructive and visionary role in the region, because we believe in the values, norms and principles that our Organization stands for. We are optimistic and we think we are on the right track as far as the bilateral relations between Albania and Serbia are concerned. My Minister had a very good and fruitful visit in Belgrade, as well as in Presheva Valley, just a couple of months ago. As you know Mr. Minister Jeremic, Your Deputy is today in Tirana to push forward the bilateral understanding and cooperation between our two countries, and we hope the exchange of higher level visits will follow in the future.

Mr. Chairman,

I could not be able to continue without reiterating the sincerest gratitude of the Albanian Government for the substantial contributions of NATO, EULEX Mission, OSCE Mission, as well as UNMIK and other international presences, which advise and assist the democratically elected institutions of the Republic of Kosova to uphold and implement Rule of Law for all citizens of Kosova, Albanian and non-Albanian, because this is the best service not only to the stability of Kosova itself, but also to the long-term peace and stability of the whole South-Eastern Europe.

Finally, allow me Mr. Chairman to wish Minister Jeremic the very best of success for His Country on the way of full integration into the European Union, on the way of democracy, peace and prosperity for His People.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.