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**S T A T E M E N T**

***by Mr. Artan Canaj, Deputy Head of Mission of Albania,  
at the 822<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council***

***on the acts of violence in Mitrovica***

***Vienna, 8 July 2010***

Mr.Chairman,

The Government of the Republic of Albania condemns the acts of violence of the last days in Mitrovica: the explosion on 2 July 2010, which resulted in the loss of life of the citizen of the Republic of Kosovo and the serious incident on 5 July 2010 perpetrated against the member of the Assembly of Republic of Kosovo and the Chairman of the Parliamentary Group of the Liberal Party, Mr.Petar Miletic.

While condemning these criminal acts, the Albanian Government would like to emphasize once more its support for the authorities of the Government of Kosovo, EULEX and KFOR, in guaranteeing the functioning of legitimate institutions of the Republic of Kosovo, across all of its territory, to the best interest of all citizens there, regardless of their ethnical affiliation or religious background.

We support the position maintained by the President and Prime Minister of Kosovo, the international authorities and representatives and we are fully confident that after these incidents, Mitrovica would also have a peaceful future in stability and cohabitation; this requires the contribution by all stakeholders but first and foremost the isolation of destructive elements, who seek to tarnish the image of Kosovo and of the entire region, which is edging ever closer to NATO and to the EU.

Thank you Mr. Chairman!