



JOINT COMMUNIQUE

FROM THE HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON DISPLACEMENT FROM KOSOVO

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On the occasion of the OSCE High-level Conference on Durable Solutions for Displaced Persons from Kosovo, the participating delegations, led by Minister Dalibor Jevtić (Pristina), Director Marko Đurić (Belgrade), Deputy Minister Ibrahim Ibrahimi (Skopje) and Director Željko Šofranac (Podgorica), called for enhanced political commitment and increased efforts to address the needs of those displaced.

The purpose of the meeting was to facilitate high-level discussion and promote inter-governmental co-operation to provide durable solutions. From participants' presentations and the discussion held, there was a clear consensus that greater inter-governmental co-operation is needed and a strongly demonstrated willingness from all sides to continue to deepen such co-operation both at the political level and at the technical level.

Recognising the wide range of issues affecting displaced persons from Kosovo, participants highlighted that co-operation needed to foster durable solutions should include both promoting conditions for returns and supporting the option of integration in place of displacement.

In this context, the delegations agreed to establish a High-level Forum for Durable Solutions for Displaced Persons from Kosovo that would meet periodically to review the progress made at the technical level, and to provide further guidance and political support.

In addition, the delegations agreed to establish a Technical Working Group for Durable Solutions for Displaced Persons from Kosovo. Members of the Technical Working Group will meet monthly to address specific issues identified, on a topic by topic basis. The composition of the Technical Working Group at a given meeting will depend on the issue to be addressed. At a minimum, all members of the Technical Working Group will meet in the context of the high-level political forum.

Issues among those raised requiring inter-governmental co-operation included: property rights, security, land allocation, access to services and civil documentation, housing issues and modalities for information exchange. Additionally, participants emphasised the need to complete ongoing processes and the remaining case loads managed by the governments in Skopje and Podgorica with the support of international partners.

The delegations wish to express their gratitude to the OSCE for organising this conference, and the UNHCR for its support, as well as all to participants for their valuable contributions and continuing commitment.