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Decision N° 1/2016 of the EU – Kosovo* Stabilisation and Association Committee of [day month] 2016 creating subcommittees and special groups

THE STABILISATION AND ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and Kosovo*, of the other part, and in particular Article 130 thereof,

Having regard to its rules of procedure, and in particular Article 10 thereof,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

The subcommittees and special groups listed in Annex I are hereby created. Their terms of reference are set out in Annex II.

Done at, on [day month] 2016.

For the Stabilisation and Association Committee

The Chair

Annex I

Multidisciplinary Subcommittee Structure

Title	Issues	SAA Article
1. Trade, Industry, Customs and Taxation	Free Movement of Goods	Art. 20
	Industrial Products	Art. 21-25
	Commercial questions	Art. 36-49
	Standardisation, metrology, accreditation, certification, conformity assessment, and market surveillance	Art. 80
	Industrial co-operation	Art. 99
	SMEs	Art. 100
	Tourism	Art. 101
	Customs	Art. 104
	Taxation	Art. 105
	Rules of origin	Protocol III
	Administrative assistance in customs matters	Protocol IV
2. Agriculture and Fisheries	Agricultural products	Art. 26, 28, 29, 33, 34 and 37
	Fisheries products	Art. 31 and 32, Annexes IV & V
	Processed agricultural products	Art. 27, Protocol I
	Wine	Art. 30 and Protocol II
	Protection of geographical indications for agricultural and fishery products and foodstuffs other than wine and spirits	Art. 35
	Agriculture and the agro-industrial sector, veterinary and phytosanitary matters	Art. 102

	Fisheries co-operation	Art. 103
3. Internal Market and Competition	Right of establishment	Art. 50-54
	Supply of services	Art. 55-60
	Other questions related to Title V of the SAA	Art. 61-73
	Approximation of legislation and law enforcement	Art. 74
	Competition	Art. 75-76
	Intellectual, industrial and commercial property	Art. 77-78
	Public procurement	Art. 79
	Banking, insurance and other financial services	Art. 96
	Consumer protection	Art. 81
4. Economic and financial issues and statistics	Current payments and movement of capital	Art. 64-66
	Economic policy	Art. 94
	Statistical co-operation	Art. 95
	Investment promotion and protection	Art. 98
	Financial co-operation	Art. 121-125
5. Justice, freedom and security	Reinforcement of institutions and rule of law	Art. 83
	Fundamental rights, including anti-discrimination and data protection	Art. 4, Art. 83
	Judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters	Art. 84
	Visa, border control, asylum and migration	Art. 85-86
	Prevention and control of illegal immigration, readmission	Art. 87-88
	Money laundering	Art. 89
	Drugs	Art. 90
	Combating terrorism	Art. 92
	Preventing organised crime and other illegal activities	Art. 91

6. Innovation, information society, and social policy		
	Working conditions and equal opportunities	Art. 82
	Social co-operation	Art. 106
	Education and training	Art. 107
	Cultural co-operation	Art. 108
	Information and communication	Art. 105
	Co-operation in the audio-visual field	Art. 109
	Information society	Art. 110
	Electronic communications networks and services	Art. 111
	Information and communication	Art. 112
	Research and technological development	Art. 118
7. Transport, energy, environment, and regional development	Transport	Art. 113
	Energy	Art. 114
	Environment	Art. 115
	Climate change	Art. 116
	Civil protection	Art. 117
	Regional and local development	Art. 119

Structure of the Special groups

Title	Issues	SAA Article
Special Group for reform of public administration	Public administration reform	Art. 120
Special Group on normalisation	Visible and sustainable improvement of Kosovo's relations with Serbia, and effective cooperation with the EU's CSDP mission while in place	Art. 5

Annex II

Terms of Reference of the EU – Kosovo* Subcommittees and Special Groups

Composition and Chair

The subcommittees and the special groups on public administration reform (PAR) and on normalisation shall be composed of representatives of the European Commission, the European External Action Service in the case of the special group on normalisation, and representatives of Kosovo. They shall be chaired alternately by the two parties. The Member States will be informed and invited to the meetings of the subcommittees and the special group on PAR and normalisation.

Secretariat

An official of the European Commission, or of the European External Action Service in the case of the special group on normalisation, and an official of Kosovo shall act jointly as secretaries of each of the subcommittees and the special groups.

All communications concerning the subcommittees and special groups shall be forwarded to the secretaries of the relevant subcommittee and of the special groups.

Meetings

The subcommittees and the special groups shall meet whenever circumstances require, with the agreement of both Parties. Each meeting of a subcommittee or special group shall be held at a time and place agreed by both Parties.

If both Parties agree, the subcommittees and the special groups may invite experts to their meetings to provide the specific information requested.

Agenda and supporting documentation

The Chair and the secretaries shall draw up a provisional agenda for each meeting not later than 30 working days before the beginning of the meeting.

The provisional agenda shall include items in respect of which a request for inclusion has been received by the secretaries not later than 35 working days before the beginning of the meeting.

Following the agreement of the provisional agenda for each meeting and not later than 10 working days before the beginning of the meeting the secretary on behalf of Kosovo shall submit to the secretary on behalf of the European Commission, or the European External Action Service in the case of the special group on normalisation, the necessary written documentation following the items agreed in the provisional agenda.

In case the deadline mentioned in paragraph 3 is not respected, the meeting shall be automatically cancelled without further notice.

Subject matters

The subcommittees shall discuss issues related to the areas of the Agreement as listed in the multidisciplinary subcommittee structure. Progress regarding the approximation, implementation and enforcement of legislation shall be assessed under all subject matters. The subcommittees shall examine any problems that may arise in their relevant sectors and shall suggest possible steps to be taken.

The subcommittees shall also serve as fora for the further clarification of the *acquis* and shall review progress made by Kosovo in conforming to the *acquis* in line with commitments taken under the Agreement.

The special group on PAR shall discuss issues related to public administration reform and suggest possible steps to be taken. The special group on normalisation shall discuss issues related to the visible and sustainable improvement of Kosovo's relations with Serbia, and effective cooperation with the EU's Common Security and Defence Policy mission while in place, and suggest possible steps to be taken.

Minutes

Minutes shall be taken for and agreed after each meeting. A copy of the minutes shall be forwarded by the secretary of the subcommittee or the special group to the Secretary of the Committee.

Publicity

Unless otherwise decided, the meetings of the subcommittees and the special groups shall not be public.