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R E M A R K S

by High Representative Catherine Ashton following her meeting with Prime Minister of Kosovo Hashim Thaçi

"I am absolutely delighted, Prime-Minister Thaçi, that you were able to make the journey to Brussels – for you and I to think about the past and talk about the future. And for me to have the opportunity to say thank you for the incredible statesmanship that you have shown in the Pristina/Belgrade agreement.

We have had our chance to reminisce, as I did when Deputy Prime-Minister Dačić came the other day. I know this is a very challenging time in Kosovo as work is done to form a government. We are watching with interest and we wish all those engaged in this process very well. Whatever happens, we hope that the dialogue will continue and will restart as soon as possible. Much has been done, but I am the first to say there is much more to do.

For my part it has been an absolute privilege to have had the opportunity to play a small part in this process, together with Fernando Gentilini who should never be forgotten for the incredible work he has done in this. And to wish the people of Kosovo – and all of you who I have got to know – great success in the future.

And I hope that the dialogue will grow and grow and we will see the outcome in peace and security for the people, and ultimately for the people of this area to become people of the European Union.

So, thank you."

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