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S T A T E M E N T

by EU High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini on the appointment of legal expert to review EULEX Kosovo mandate

"Today, I have appointed Mr. Jean Paul Jacqué as independent expert to review EULEX Kosovo mandate implementation with a focus on the handling of the corruption allegations. Mr. Jacqué is a distinguished law professor with over 40 years of experience. In addition, his tenure as Director at the Council legal services offers him a unique expertise and perspective to review these allegations. I have asked Mr. Jacqué to revert to me within 4 months with his report and his recommendations.

As I stressed already during my first days in office, clarifying the allegations is in our interest, my personal one as I start in office and in the interest of the new Head of Mission, with whom I have discussed these steps. In addition to the ongoing judicial investigation since 2013 into the allegations, the appointment of Mr. Jacqué demonstrates our determination to shed all light on these developments. Furthermore, I reiterate my support to EULEX Kosovo Head of Mission and his team, whose credibility deserves to be fully maintained. The EU remains committed to assist the authorities in the region in their fight against corruption and organised crime."

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Short biography of Mr Jacqué:

- Born in 1942 in Nancy (France).
 - Law professor since 1973.
 - Appointed in 1992 as Director at the Council legal services and subsequently Honorary Director General.
 - Dean of law faculties.
 - Lecturer at the Université de Strasbourg, Collège d'Europe de Bruges and Natolin, at the Collège européen de Parme and at the Institut d'Etudes européennes de l'Université libre de Bruxelles.
 - Visiting professor at the Universities of Barcelona, Bologna, Koln, Freiburg and Leuven, Lisbon and Madrid.
 - Made Doctor Honoris Causa.
 - Numerous legal publications and contributor to various legal journals.
 - Director of distinguished research centres.
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