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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union**  
**on the demilitarisation of the KLA**

The European Union welcomes the announcement by KFOR command that the Kosovo Liberation Army have completed their disarmament obligations. The European Union also welcomes the formation of the multi-ethnic Kosovo Protection Corps, under the political authority of the United Nations Mission in Kosovo and under the operational control of KFOR, to assist UNMIK in protection against civil emergencies. This humanitarian and rescue structure will facilitate the adaptation of the former KLA members into the civilian society.

The European Union expects full and unconditional observation of the agreements and fully supports KFOR in the implementation of the agreements. This will pave the way for a process of stabilisation and demilitarisation of Kosovar society, development of civilian institutions and inter-ethnic co-operation. The European Union remains firmly committed to assisting the people of Kosovo in their efforts to establish a democratic, multi-ethnic and pluralistic Kosovo, based on the rule of law and full respect for human rights, and re-establishing confidence among the peoples of Kosovo.

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