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Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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Your Excellency,

It is my honor to write to You in reference to the developments and progress made by the Republic of Kosovo, as well as processes related to its further recognitions and integration into the international community.

Through hard work and dedication, we have built a country that serves the aspirations and needs of all of its citizens. The realities on the ground are clear: Kosovo is a functional, prosperous, stable and multi-ethnic State with a diverse society and steadily growing economy. Beyond our borders, we remain committed to promote and further the goals of good neighborly relations and international peace and security. Beyond these significant achievements, we have seen a constantly growing number of recognitions of the Republic of Kosovo, currently at 91 States that have formally recognized Kosovo.

I am pleased to announce that on 24 February 2012, the Republic of Kosovo and the Republic of Serbia reached an agreement in the EU-facilitated dialogue on Regional Representation and Cooperation. The Republic of Kosovo will now participate on its own account and speak for itself at all regional inter-governmental meetings, as an equal partner with other participating States. In addition, the two countries have also concluded a Technical Protocol on the implementation of the Integrated Border Management (IBM) agreement reached on 2 December 2011. This agreement marks the formal recognition by the Republic of Serbia of the inter-State border with the Republic of Kosovo. After this agreement, we see no legal or political reasons for other countries to delay their recognition of Kosovo.

Following these agreements, the European Union decided to launch a feasibility study for a Stabilization and Association Agreement between the EU and Kosovo. This decision is an important step toward Kosovo's formal membership in the European family.

The process of dialogue, facilitated by the EU, was welcomed by the UN General Assembly in its resolution 64/298, adopted by acclamation on 9 September 2010. In that resolution, the General Assembly acknowledged the International Court of Justice's Advisory Opinion that Kosovo's Declaration of Independence is in accordance with international law. The International Court of Justice, being the most authoritative and ultimate judicial body in the international community for the interpretation and application of international law, has thus ultimately confirmed Kosovo's right to statehood and freedom.

The aforementioned facts confirm clearly that there is no legal or political reasons for other countries to delay further their recognition of Kosovo. This is also demonstrated by the steady increase of the number of countries recognizing Kosovo as an independent and sovereign State and its admission to various international institutions, including the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. Therefore, we would most humbly call on Your Government to recognize the Republic of Kosovo and, in this way, contribute to the peace and stability in the Western Balkans region, recognize positive developments and achievements in Kosovo, and support the people of Kosovo to realize its aspirations of joining the international community.

Looking forward to the most cordial relations with You and Your Ministry, please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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