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New Head of EULEX Kosovo Mission appointed

Xavier Bout de Marnhac of France, was appointed today Head of Mission of the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo, EULEX Kosovo. The decision was taken by the European Union Political and Security Committee on a recommendation by the EU High Representative of the Union for the Foreign and Security Policy, Catherine Ashton. Xavier de Marnhac, who will succeed Yves de Kermabon, will take up his duties on 15 October 2010. The appointment is for one year renewable.

On this occasion the EU High Representative of the Union for the Foreign and Security Policy, Catherine Ashton, made the following statement;

"Xavier de Marnhac has the leadership needed to conduct a large rule of law operation in a complex environment. His experience in crisis management and his knowledge about the situation on the ground constitutes the appropriate background to lead EULEX through the next period in which the mission will be facing considerable challenges while continuing to deliver on the core of its mandate throughout Kosovo. I look forward to working with Mr de Marnhac and in the accomplishment of his tasks he will have my full support".

For more information:

<http://www.eulex-kosovo.eu/>

Attached:

- CV of Xavier Bout de Marnhac

P R E S S

Xavier Bout de Marnhac, Head of EULEX Kosovo designate

Date of birth: 7 July 1951
Married, 5 children
Nationality: French
Profession/Rank: Retired army general



Education:

National defence high studies institute, Paris, France
Ecole Supérieure de Guerre (Joint Staff College), Paris, France
US Army Command and general staff college, Fort Leavenworth, USA
Ecole Spéciale Militaire de Saint-Cyr (Military Academy), France

Professional experience:

Present: Head of Mission EULEX Kosovo designate

2008 to 2010: Commander Army district South-East, Lyon, France

2007 to 2008: Command of the NATO KOSOVO Force (KFOR), Pristina, Kosovo

2005 to 2007: Commander Army Operational HQ, Nantes, France

1999 to 2004: Director, Operations Directorate, National intelligence service, Paris, France

Before 1999: Various positions of command and responsibility in the French Army, including several deployments in the Balkans, Africa, Middle East and Central Asia