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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on the creation of a Kosovo army

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the creation of a Kosovo army

The European Parliament,

- having regard to United Nations (UN) Security Council Resolution 1244(1999) of 10 June 1999,
 - having regard to the Proposal for the Kosovo Status Settlement submitted to the UN Security Council on 26 March 2007,
 - having regard to the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo, particularly Chapter XI thereof,
 - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, on 14 December 2018, the Parliament of Kosovo voted in favour of turning the current Kosovo Security Force (KSF) into an army, to be made up of 5 000 soldiers (Euractiv, 14 December 2018), sidestepping the need for a Constitutional amendment that would have required approval from two thirds of non-Albanian MPs;
- B. whereas the Proposal for the Kosovo Status Settlement stipulates that the KSF may have a maximum of 2 500 active members and 800 reserve members;
1. Criticises the statement made by the United States Embassy to Kosovo in support of turning the KSF into a ‘force with a territorial defence mandate’;
 2. Is concerned at the risks that creating a Kosovo army would pose to stability in the Western Balkans;
 3. Calls on the Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to strongly condemn the creation of a Kosovo army.