

Question for written answer E-000125/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Conversion of the Kosovo Security Force (KSF) into a regular army

According to Kosovan and international media reports, the President of Kosovo, Hashim Thaci, has for some time been trying to upgrade the Kosovo Security Force (KSF) to an independent, fully-armed force. He claims to have been working in close cooperation with NATO and the USA to achieve his goal.

The KSF is formally under the command of the KFOR international force. The EU and the US – officially in the latter case – have objected to the plans to upgrade the KSF and convert it into a regular army. The Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has also criticised the initiative, calling it ‘a very dangerous step’, which could undermine stability in the Balkans and which would violate UNSC Resolution 1244.

1. What information does the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy have on the conversion of the Kosovo Security Force (KSF) into a regular and fully-armed force?
2. In what form, when and to which institutions and interlocutors did the EU or the Vice-President of the Commission lodge an objection to this initiative?
3. How does the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy evaluate the above-mentioned plans, particularly in light of the international provisions applicable to Kosovo?