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to the Commission**
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Subject: Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue: unreliable Kosovan interlocutors

One of the conditions imposed on Serbia for its accession to the European Union is that it normalise its relations with its former province of Kosovo and Metohija – the self-proclaimed Republic of Kosovo.

With a view to meeting that requirement and in good faith, Serbia initiated the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue with that entity, which is not recognised by five EU Member States.

The Kosovan Prime Minister, Ramush Haradinaj, has done his utmost to sabotage those negotiations. His wholly disingenuous attitude has been criticised both by the VP/HR¹ and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the UN Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)².

On 19 July 2019, Mr Haradinaj, former Commander of the Kosovo Liberation Army (UÇK) and a key interlocutor of the Union for years, had to resign from his post as Prime Minister after being summoned to appear before the Special Tribunal for War Crimes in Kosovo³.

In the light of the above and having regard to Articles 2 and 49 of the EU Treaty, does the Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy still consider it essential to make the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue a prerequisite for Serbia's accession?

¹ https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/54758/node/54758_en

² <https://www.un.org/press/fr/2019/cs13693.doc.htm>

³ https://www.lemonde.fr/international/article/2019/07/19/kosovo-accuse-de-crimes-de-guerre-le-premier-ministre-demissionne_5491313_3210.html