

ORAL QUESTION H-0333/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Stationing of the Eulex mission in Kosovo

On 28 January 2008 the EU Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (Eulex Kosovo) was approved by the European Council. However, difficulties are anticipated for the mission, since the Serbian population in the north of Kosovo has announced its intense opposition to Eulex. In parallel, the UN peace mission UNMIK will continue to be stationed in Kosovo.

How does the Commission intend to prevent parallel UNMIK, Eulex and Serbian authority structures from becoming firmly established in the north?

A further problem is the fact that currently only 28% of EU staff in Kosovo are female (cf. European Union Planning Team for Kosovo EUPT 2007), although under UN Resolution 1325 the number of female staff in former war zones is to be significantly increased.

What measures will the Commission take to raise the number of women in the Eulex mission currently being set up?

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