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Statement by EU High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini on the appointment of legal expert to review EULEX Kosovo mandate

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"Today, I have appointed Mr. Jean Paul Jacqué as independent expert to review EULEX Kosovo mandate implementation with a focus on the handling of the corruption allegations. Mr. Jacqué is a distinguished law professor with over 40 years of experience. In addition, his tenure as Director at the Council legal services offers him a unique expertise and perspective to review these allegations. I have asked Mr. Jacqué to revert to me within 4 months with his report and his recommendations.

As I stressed already during my first days in office, clarifying the allegations is in our interest, my personal one as I start in office and in the interest of the new Head of Mission, with whom I have discussed these steps. In addition to the ongoing judicial investigation since 2013 into the allegations, the appointment of Mr. Jacqué demonstrates our determination to shed all light on these developments. Furthermore, I reiterate my support to EULEX Kosovo Head of Mission and his team, whose credibility deserves to be fully maintained. The EU remains committed to assist the authorities in the region in their fight against corruption and organised crime."

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