

## Information on Kosovo

### UN Entities

- United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)  
<http://www.unmikonline.org>
- Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the future status process for Kosovo (UNOSEK) <http://www.unosek.org>

(Comprehensive Proposal for the Kosovo Status Settlement:  
<http://www.unosek.org/unosek/en/statusproposal.html>)

- Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) -  
Country page: Serbia (including Kosovo)  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/countries/ENACARegion/Pages/RSIndex.aspx>
- Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) - Human Rights  
in Kosovo [http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu2/5/kosovo/kosovo\\_main.htm](http://www.unhchr.ch/html/menu2/5/kosovo/kosovo_main.htm)
- World Bank's Mission in Kosovo <http://www.worldbank.org/kosovo>

### Selected Statements and Speeches by UN Officials

- Secretary-General tells Security Council proposal to reconfigure United Nations presence in Kosovo 'least objectionable' way forward on divisive issue (SG/SM/11649-SC/9367, 20 June 2008):  
<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sgsm11649.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General in statement to press says Kosovo mission will continue implementing mandate under 1244 (1999) in light of evolving circumstances (SG/SM/11428-SC/9255, 18 February 2008):  
<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sgsm11428.doc.htm>
- Secretary-General says reality on the ground in Kosovo must be addressed as it develops, to ensure peace, security, in closing remarks to Security Council (SG/SM/11427-SC/9254, 18 February 2008):  
<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sgsm11427.doc.htm>

- Secretary-General in Security Council statement says United Nations aim in Kosovo stable political, security situation, protection of population, minorities (SG/SM/11426-SC/9253, 18 February 2008):

<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sgsm11426.doc.htm>

- Secretary-General says, pending security council guidance, resolution 1244 (1999) will remain legal framework for mandate of UN Kosovo mission (SG/SM/11424, 17 February 2008):

<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2008/sgsm11424.doc.htm>

- Secretary-General welcomes agreement on new Kosovo initiative (SG/SM/11111, 1 August 2007):

<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2007/sgsm11111.doc.htm>

- Special Envoy Martti Ahtisaari presents his proposal for the future status of Kosovo in Belgrade and Pristina (2 February 2007):

<http://www.unosek.org/unosek/en/press.html>

- Secretary-General, in Message to Ministerial Council, Urges Organization for Security, Cooperation in Europe to Expand Presence in Kosovo (SG/SM/10779, 5 December 2006):

<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2006/sgsm10779.doc.htm>

### **Selected Publications and Documents available online**

- A/RES/63/3 (8 October 2008): Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on whether the unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo is in accordance with international law : resolution / Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

<http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/RES/63/3>

- Kosovo Troika report (S/2007/723, 10 December 2007)

<http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=S/2007/723>

- Security Council mission on the Kosovo issue (S/2007/256, 4 May 2007)

<http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=S/2007/256>

- S/2005/635 (7 October 2005): A comprehensive review of the situation in Kosovo; Report by Kai Eide, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Kosovo  
<http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=S/2005/635>
- Focus Kosovo (UNMIK Magazine)  
<http://www.unmikonline.org/pub/focuskos/index.htm>
- Peacekeeping Best Practices (UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations) Publications on UNMIK <http://www.un.org/Depts/dpko/lessons/> (select: Library, Mission, Current, UNMIK)
- The Kosovo Conflict: Consequences for the Environment & Human Settlements (Balkan Task Force Final Report, 1999)  
<http://postconflict.unep.ch/publications/finalreport.pdf>

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