

## **Arrangements for Official Visits**

### **31. May 2013; 14. November 2014.**

1. Respective parties will notify visits of their officials to the other party. Notifications will go the following way:

- The requesting institution will send the notification directly to the LO of the party, where the visit is taking place, copying - in (cc) the LO of the party requesting the visit. The LO who received the notification will immediately confirm receipt.

- If in the given deadline (depending of the category as below) there is no response, the visit is considered to be approved.

- If objections are raised in the given deadline, they must be communicated directly to the LO of the party that sent the notification. The EU (both the EU Delegation in Belgrade and the EUSR Office in Pristina) will be copied in the communication and facilitate, if necessary.

2. Notification is needed for the following categories of officials:

a. The first group consists of president, prime minister, deputy prime ministers, speaker of the parliament and ministers of internal affairs, foreign affairs and defence. For this category the notification must be done at least 72 hours in advance and any objections must be raised within the first 48 hours.

b. The second group consists of all other ministers, deputy speakers of the parliament, directors of governmental offices and security related agencies, presidents of the constitutional and supreme courts, state prosecutor as well as all other persons, such as religious leaders, that are under regime of close protection. For this category the notification must be done at least 48 hours in advance and any objections must be raised within the first 24 hours.

3. One official will be nominated by each party who will have regular and simplified access to the other party and for whom the parties will provide logistical information only, in order to facilitate the preparation of the visits. The visits of these officials will be conducted in a way that furthers

the process of normalization of relations or contributes to the overall work in the context of the EU Facilitated Dialogue.

4. Deadlines run regardless of working and non-working days, but notifications must be sent during office hours (Mon-Friday until 5 pm).

5. In case of emergency that requires immediate travel, the two LOs can agree on ad hoc arrangements.

6. All possible amendments to programs of visits must be done at least 24 hours prior to the visit. In the case of minor delays during the visit, flexibility will be shown by the host party.

7. The implementation of the above will be assessed and if necessary reviewed after 3 months upon request of either or both parties.

8. These arrangements will apply as of 1 December 2014.