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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE PRESENCE OF OMIK

We have continued to give our support to the active involvement of the OSCE in Kosovo throughout 2006, with its field Mission (OMiK) forming an integral part of the United Nations Interim Administration (UNMIK), and contributing to further enhancing the necessary conditions on the ground, in particular the implementation of Standards.

We stand ready to remain engaged in Kosovo, building on the Organization's expertise in developing and monitoring democratic institutions, human rights, including community rights, and the rule of law as well on OMiK's extensive field presence, and to assist all efforts in developing a multiethnic and tolerant society. In this respect we look forward to a continued dialogue with other international actors.