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SUBJECT: UNOSEK report – 5 February – 11 March 20075 – 11 February

1. On 5 February the SE travelled to London where he met with Prime Minister Tony Blair. From London he flew to New York (6-9 Feb) in order to address the Policy Committee on Kosovo on 8 February. In addition, in New York, the SE had bilateral meetings with the Chinese, Russian, US and the South African Permanent Representatives to the UN. He also briefed the EU Heads of Mission and addressed the non-permanent Security Council members at a luncheon organised by the Finnish UN Mission.
2. On 5 February the DSE travelled to Brussels where he briefed the Political and Security Committee of the EU on the handing over of the status document to the parties on 2 February and the timetable of the status process. The main purpose of this meeting was to prepare the ground for the SE's appearance before the EU Council of Ministers on 12 February 2007, where the Foreign Ministers adopted Council Conclusions supporting the SE and his proposal.
3. On 7 February the DSE held a short meeting with the US Special Envoy for Kosovo, Amb. Frank Wisner, who briefed the DSE about his latest trip to the region. Afterwards the DSE travelled to Sofia to hold consultations with the Foreign Minister of Bulgaria, who assured the DSE of Bulgaria's full support for the status proposal and the envisaged timeline.
4. On 8 February the DSE travelled to Skopje where he met with the President, the Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister and the Speaker of Parliament of FYROM. All interlocutors expressed their satisfaction with the article on the FYROM – Kosovo border contained in the settlement document and assured the DSE of FYROM's full support. The DSE underlined the importance of the countries of the region and the fact that their voices would be considered strongly by the International Community.

5. On 9 February the DSE travelled to Pristina where he walked the Team of Unity through the status document and answered their questions. He also met with Bishop Teodosije and Father Sava who proposed additional amendments to Annex V of the settlement document.

12 - 18 February

6. From New York the SE flew to Brussels where he briefed the EU Foreign Ministers at the GAERC on 12 February. Had separate meetings with the German Foreign Minister and with Commissioner Olli Rehn. In the end of the week the SE returned to Brussels to address the North Atlantic Council on 16 February as well as meet with the NATO Secretary-General.

7. On 12 February the DSE briefed the Canadian and the Slovenian Ambassadors on his trip to the region, the latest developments of the status process and the way ahead. On 20 February the DSE held consultations with the Austrian President Heinz Fischer and on 2 March the DSE informed Paul Acda, Head of UNMIK Pillar IV, about the negotiation process in Vienna. On 8 March the DSE briefed the Albanian Foreign Minister and on 9 March he briefed the Australian Ambassador to the International Organisations in Vienna.

19 - 25 February

8. On 19 February the SE met with representatives of the Swedish government and with the Icelandic Ambassador to Austria. The following day addressed the OSCE Permanent Council and attended a luncheon hosted by the Spanish OSCE Ambassador Sanchez de Boado. He also met with OSCE Ambassador Wendt from Kosovo and together with his Deputy, with Austrian Chancellor Mr. Gusenbauer.

9. Between 21 February and 2 March the SE and DSE co-chaired the technical talks in Vienna between the delegations from Belgrade and Pristina (21.2 - General Principles; 22.2 - Constitutional Provisions, Rights of Communities and their Members and Justice System; 23.2 - Economic and Property Provisions; 27.2 - Decentralization; 28.2 - Cultural and Religious Heritage; 1.3 - International Presence and Security Sector; 2.3 - Legislative Agenda, Transition and Implementation). The meetings on Economic and Property Provisions and on International Presence were chaired by Mr. Stefan Lehne from the Council of Europe. The meeting on the Security Sector was chaired by Ambassador James Pardew from NATO.

26 February - 4 March

10. On 26 February the SE flew to Berlin to address the Conference of the Chairmen of Foreign Affairs Committees of EU Members states, the European Parliament and the

Parliaments of the candidate states (COFACC). He also attended the Political Breakfast of the Körber Foundation and met with Mr. Ruprecht Polentz, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the German Bundestag as well as with Mr. Heusgen, Chancellor Merkel's Foreign Policy Advisor.

11. In addition to chairing the negotiations, the SE met with the SRSG UNMIK on 28 February and together with the DSE, the Foreign Minister of Slovakia, Mr. Jan Kubis, on 2 March.

5 - 11 March

12. The SE traveled to Stockholm on 7 March to meet with Foreign Minister Carl Bildt.

13. The SE chaired the High-Level meeting between Belgrade and Pristina and with contact Group Balkan Directors as observers, in Vienna on 10 March. The leaders of both parties failed to produce an agreed solution as the two sides reasserted their diametrically opposed positions on status.

Outlook

14. The SE will travel to Pretoria between 14 and 18 March to meet with the South African Foreign Minister.

15. Between 14 and 21 March 2007 the DSE will travel to New York where he intends to brief the Secretary-General and meet with representatives from DPA, OLA, DPKO, the Permanent Representatives of the Security Council, the EU and the region.

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