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UNMIK Disappointed by Media Attacks on JWG Members

PRISTINA – UNMIK has made a great deal of progress in developing the legal framework and we are close to the finish line, although some issues remain to be resolved.

UNMIK is disappointed by attacks in the press on members of the Joint Working Group. All of the members have demonstrated great expertise and tremendous commitment to building a good future for Kosovo.

It is UNMIK's intention to bring the process to a successful conclusion shortly. It is important that everyone involved stay engaged until the end, and that everyone who cares about moving forward to the next stage of Kosovo's development support the continuation of that process.

It is expected that there will be varying opinions about the legal framework once it is completed, but it will clearly serve as the basis for real, meaningful self-government in all the essential areas of life, while maintaining international support for Kosovo.

The legal framework is essential to elections. Any substantial delay now may affect preparations for elections this year, hurting all people in Kosovo.

UNMIK urges all concerned to support completion of the process in a constructive spirit. As often noted, UNSCR 1244 envisages at this stage the setting up and development of meaningful self-government in Kosovo pending a final settlement.