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ICR WELCOMES SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF PHASE ONE OF JUDICIAL REAPPOINTMENT PROCESS

Strengthening an independent, high quality judiciary for Kosovo is the aim of the ongoing judicial vetting and reappointment process, the International Civilian Representative (ICR), Pieter Feith, said today.

Mr Feith welcomed the announcement of appointments to eight seats on the Kosovo Supreme Court, four positions in the State Prosecutor's Office and nine positions in the Special Prosecutor's Office.

Pieter Feith said:

“Kosovo citizens want and deserve an independent, professional judicial system that meets international standards. The judicial system must be capable of dealing efficiently and effectively with its business, ensuring that justice is done – and is seen to be done.

“These appointments, the result of a thorough vetting process assisted by the international community, are a step towards delivering on that goal.

“Given that there will be further vacancies in judicial institutions in due course, I would also like to encourage members of non-majority communities to apply at

all stages of the vetting and reappointment process. It is vital that everyone feels that they have a stake in the judiciary, which has a great potential to improve lives.”

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Note to Editors

1. The judicial vetting and reappointment process is outlined in Article 3, Annex IV of the Comprehensive Status Proposal. See www.ico-kos.org