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ICR: SUCCESSFUL ELECTIONS IN PARTESH/PARTEŠ SHOW THAT KOSOVO IS BECOMING A HOMELAND FOR ALL CITIZENS

The International Civilian Representative (ICR), Pieter Feith, today commented on the local elections in Partesh/Parteš yesterday.

Mr Feith said:

“I congratulate the institutions of Kosovo and the citizens of Partesh/Parteš for the successful elections held in the new municipality yesterday.

“The very high turnout – over 65% – is a remarkable demonstration of the readiness of the majority Kosovo Serb population of Partesh/Parteš to embrace the opportunities offered by decentralization and the values embodied in the Constitution: a free, democratic, multi-ethnic country that is a homeland for all its citizens. The smooth conduct of the elections organized by the Kosovo institutions reflects their continuing development and progress.

“Yesterday the citizens of Partesh/Parteš took the future into their own hands. By selecting the leadership for their newly-established municipality, they have made democracy a reality for themselves and exercised their right to influence the issues that concern them most. This is part of the ongoing decentralization process taking place throughout Kosovo. It brings decision-making closer to the people so that governance is more effective and responsive to the needs of the citizens.

“I hope that the second round of elections will be as successful as this first round. I encourage the people of Partesh/Parteš to make use of their right to vote again

and elect representatives they trust and who will work for the good of the municipality.”