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## **PACE adopts resolution on illegal organ trafficking in Kosovo\*, demands high-level support for international follow-up investigations**

Strasbourg, 25.01.2011 - The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) has called for international and Albanian investigations into crimes committed in the aftermath of the conflict in Kosovo, including "numerous prisoners on Albanian territory to be taken abroad for transplantation.

Adopting a resolution based on the report by Dick Marty (Switzerland, ALDE), the Assembly demanded follow-up investigations into indications of secret detention centres under the control of the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) and disappearances linked to the Kosovo war, as well as ~~adulteration~~ ~~to~~ often complained of between organised criminal groups and political circles".

It called for EULEX, the EU mission in Kosovo, be given a clear mandate, the resources and high-level political support it needs ~~complex and important~~ "role". In particular, the Assembly emphasised programmes.

The parliamentarians said the "appalling crime up very strong feelings worldwide, giving rise to the assumption that it was invariably one side which were the perpetrators of crimes and less clear-cut and more complex," the resolution read winners and another for the losers. "

The resolution calls on the Albanian authorities ~~operate~~ "unreservedly" with EULEX or any other international about crimes linked to the conflict in Kosovo, irrespective of the origins of the suspects or victims.

(\*) All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

The Parliamentary Assembly brings together 318 members from the national parliaments of the 47 member states.

President: Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu (Turkey, EDG) - Secretary General of the Assembly: Mateo Sorinas.

Political groups: EPP/CD (Group of the European People's Party); SOC (Socialist Group); EDG (European Democrat Group); ALDE (Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe); UEL (Group of the Unified European Left).