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NATO decides to train future Kosovo “security forces”

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NATO decided on Thursday to train future Kosovo “security forces”, which the authorities in Pristina will form upon proclamation of the constitution of Kosovo on June 15, the Alliance’s Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer announced.

“We have agreed today to implement NATO’s new tasks in Kosovo”, Scheffer said, adding that these tasks will involve training Kosovo’s “security forces”.

The “Kosovo security force” will have some 2,500 troops.

The agreement comes days before the Kosovo constitution comes into force on June 15.

NATO sources say the agreement overcame Turkish concerns about sharing of military information with the European Union, which aims to have a presence in Kosovo through Eulex.