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Unmik to close down its Pristina branch next week

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Unmik will close down its Pristina branch next Monday, as part of the its large downsizing and reconfigairiton, its spokesman Alexander Ivanko said.

Ivanko said that the reconfiguration process was under way and that the EULEX mission was currently working under the UN umbrella.

“As the number of UNMIK personnel falls, EULEX will expand, and that will take several months, probably until late autumn. We will cut our numbers by 70 percent and EULEX will, in that time, increase its personnel by a certain amount,” the spokesman explained.

At a press conference in Pristina, he repeated UNMIK’s view that Serb officers in the Kosovo Police Service wishing to serve their community should return to work and work under the existing chain of command.

“For now there is no new chain of command. However, if there are new ideas on where the UN could help, as well as dialogue between Belgrade and Pristina, we are ready to offer our services,” Ivanko stressed.