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Zannier: UNMIK authority becoming narrower in practice

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UNMIK Chief Lamberto Zannier said in Vienna on Thursday that the UN mission is no longer in the position to fully implement its authorities, that is it no longer has instruments to exercise its rights under UN Resolution 1244.

Addressing the Permanent Council of the OSCE, he said that the scope of UNMIK's authority, defined by this resolution in a status-neutral form, became narrower in practice.

Zannier reiterated that the Albanian majority does not accept the implementation of its authorities, and that it refers only to the Kosovo Constitution, while, formally, UNMIK still has to continue to exercise its mandate in keeping with Resolution 1244.

The Italian diplomat underlined that UNMIK can perform its duties only if all sides accept that.

When it comes to Kosvo Serbs, Zannier said that they do not accept the cooperation with the Pristina authorities, but only with UNMIK.