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Solana announces the start of Eulex on December 9

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The EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy, Javier Solana, announced on Friday that the Eulex mission had reached its “initial operational capability” and that it will start its mandate on December 9.

“I very much welcome the declaration of initial operational capability for the Eulex mission in Kosovo. The mission can now start its work”, Solana said.

EU member states were on Friday informed by the EU Civilian Operations Commander, Kees Klompenhouwer, that the Eulex mission has reached its initial operational capability and will accordingly assume its responsibilities in the area of rule of law throughout Kosovo on December 9.

The mission will implement its mandate in conformity with the Council Joint Action of February 4, 2008.