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Kermabon: The six-point plan is Unmik's responsibility

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Eulex chief Yves de Kermabon has said that the six-point plan backed by the UN Security Council is a matter for Unmik.

He said Eulex is a "technical" mission and not involved in issues regarding Kosovo's status.

He also said that EULEX has a unified chain of command, meaning that he reports to all 27 EU member-states via the organization's foreign policy chief, Javier Solana.

Kermabon underlined that he will submit reports to the UN secretary-general on the functioning of the mission, and added that the six points agreed on between Belgrade and the UN will be UNMIK's responsibility.

Meanwhile, Eulex spokesman Victor Reuter said that the six-point plan is a political issue which will be handled by the authorities in Belgrade and Pristina, as well as by the UNMIK Chief Lamberto Zannier.

Another EULEX spokesperson, Karen Limdal said that the European Union mission in Kosovo is status neutral, recalling that the mission represents all of the 27 EU member states and that five of them had not recognized Kosovo's independence.

Clarifying the statement made by EULEX Kermabon to journalists in Pec on Sunday, Limdal said that "by announcing the opening of an office in Belgrade and urging for good relations with the neighboring countries Kermabon did not imply that Serbia is Kosovo's neighbor".

According to her, "Kermabon implied countries such as Albania and Macedonia".

When asked whether EULEX believes that Serbia is Kosovo's neighbor, Limdal replied that this was not the case, underscoring that EULEX does not take stands in regards to Kosovo's independence.

"You know that EU member states have a stand but we don't, since we represent all of the 27 member states," said Limdal. "We do not have a stand on the issue, we are status neutral."