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to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Ensuring democratic access to elections for Serb communities in Kosovo

On 21 August 2025, Srpska Lista ('Serb List') announced that the Central Election Commission of Kosovo (CEC) had refused to certify ethnic Serb candidates for the country's 12 October mayoral and council elections in spite of the fact that they fulfilled all the legal criteria required to stand. The CEC's decision was later overturned by the Electoral Complaints and Appeals Panel (ECAP), a body independent of the Government of Kosovo.

The Government's refusal to register Srpska Lista's candidates highlights the fact that the Serb minority in Kosovo faces increasing discrimination through decisions which,

since Prime Minister Albin Kurti took office, include the shuttering of many institutions, the closure of essential services, the refusal to implement the Community of Serb Municipalities, the ban on Serbian licence plates and currency and the removal of Serb graffiti and murals in cities.

In the light of the above:

1. What action will the EU take against the Government of Kosovo to ensure that the Serb minority has full democratic and political access in accordance with the EU's standards on fundamental rights and electoral freedom?
2. Is the Commission thinking of setting up a dedicated monitoring tool to prevent future attempts at excluding people on the basis of ethnicity and religion in Kosovo?

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