

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-001281/25
to the Commission
Siegbert Frank Droese (ESN)
(27 March 2025)**

Subject: Memorandum on military cooperation between Croatia, Albania and Kosovo

1. What view does the Commission take of the trilateral memorandum on military cooperation between Croatia, Albania and the so-called Republic of Kosovo in the light of UN Resolution 1244, which continues to recognise Kosovo as part of Serbia?
2. Does the Commission consider this military cooperation to be a threat to the fragile stability of the Western Balkans and potentially a provocation to Serbia?
3. What direct or indirect financial or material contributions have EU Member States or EU programmes made to the development of the so-called Kosovo Security Force, and how does this tally with the EU's position on the status of Kosovo?

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**Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
(26 May 2025)**

The Commission has taken note of the Joint Declaration ⁽¹⁾ following the 18 March 2025 meeting of Defence Ministers of Albania, Croatia, and Kosovo ^(*), which is a non-binding document. The Commission refers the Honourable Member to the Albania, Kosovo and Croatia authorities for any further query related to their Joint Declaration.

In 2023, Kosovo and Serbia reached an Agreement on the path to normalisation ⁽²⁾, which rests on two key pillars of international relations: good neighbourly relations between parties and the principle that neither of the two can represent the other in the international sphere or act on its behalf.

The Commission refers the Honourable Member to the relevant Member States authorities for questions on individual support of Member States to Kosovo.

⁽¹⁾ <https://www.morh.hr/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/2025-03-19-deklaracija.pdf>.

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244/1999 and the International Court of Justice Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

⁽²⁾ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/belgrade-pristina-dialogue-agreement-path-normalisation-between-kosovo-and-serbia_en.