

The role of International Organizations in the statehood of Kosovo

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Abstract

Kosovo's case in the international relations and in the international Law is considered to be a "Sui Generis". Post war, Kosovo was International Protectorate under complete International Administration for almost a decade (June 1999 until February 2008), this administration was based on a UN- Security Council Resolution 1244. Kosovo has declared independence on February 2008.

Resolution 1244 of UNSC is still in place, UNMIK still is operating in Kosovo even though on a very symbolic bases. After Kosovo declared Independence, new international mission has been launched in Kosovo from another International Organization, from European Union (EU), with different role and mandate, with some of the responsibilities inherited from UNMIK but under a very different political environment, now within an Independent Sovereign State internationally recognized from over 110 countries worldwide and member of over 200 international organizations. My main focus in this research will be the role of UNMIK as a United Nation Organization Mission in Kosovo and the role of EULEX as a European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo as part of the European Security and Defense Policy- ESDP. Therefore this paper will study the role of this two different international missions in Kosovo that they have played in the birth of a new state. This two International mission are coming from two different international Organizations, one mission coming from global international organization such as UN and the other one from a Regional International Organization, European Union and the role that this two international Organizations have played in the statehood of Kosovo is irreplaceable.

Keywords: Kosovo, UNMIK, EULEX, UNSC- 1244, SRSG, JIAS, PISG, the Comprehensive Proposal for the Kosovo Status Settlement.

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