Statement by High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini following the meeting of the EU-facilitated dialogue

Today, Prime Ministers Aleksandar Vučić and Isa Mustafa and their delegations joined me for another round of talks in the framework of the High Level Dialogue for normalisation of relations between Belgrade and Pristina. The talks were held in a very good atmosphere. We took stock of the implementation of the agreements reached in the Dialogue: the 2011 Agreement on Acceptance of University Diplomas and Freedom of Movement Agreement, the First Agreement of April 2013 and the August agreements of 2015.

It was confirmed today that the mutual acceptance of educational and professional diplomas and certificates is becoming a reality. On this basis, students will be able to continue their studies and professionals will be able to improve their employment prospects, both in Serbia and in Kosovo. We also significantly advanced on the implementation of the agreement on Freedom of Movement, in particular on the provisions on license plates.

The discussion furthermore focused on the commitment of both sides to work on the implementation of the agreement for the establishment of the Association/Community of Serb majority municipalities, based on already signed agreements.

Both sides also agreed to start discussions on direct air and rail connections between Kosovo and Serbia.

I want to thank the Prime Ministers of Serbia and Kosovo for their continued commitment to further normalise their relations within the framework of the Dialogue. Today's meetings demonstrated their willingness to move forward with a very constructive approach. We all have in mind the need to bring direct and concrete benefits to all people in Serbia and in Kosovo who wish to advance on their European path.

The EU will continue to support the full implementation of today's outcome, of previous agreements and of further progress in normalisation.