



## **Press release 2011.12.08**

KFOR continues to welcome the removal of road obstacles in the Zubin Potok valley and elsewhere by the local population and is prepared to assist in that. It is a step in the right direction.

KFOR mandate is to ensure unconditional safe and secure environment and freedom of movement for all.

Saying this, we clearly have to reiterate that unconditional freedom of movement unquestionably includes EULEX.

And let me make clear too: all local representatives throughout the Northern part of Kosovo were and are fully aware of this, as this has been clearly and repeatedly communicated during all talks, engagements and regular meetings our locally responsible KFOR command conducted since weeks. This was also the case during yesterday's meeting.

We reaffirm the preference of solving outstanding issues through dialogue and talks. This is the only principle both, KFOR and local community representatives so far agree upon.

However: it is good to talk but we do not speak for the sake of talking.

That means: restrictions to the freedom of movement are not acceptable.

The use of violence is not acceptable.

In particular: attacks on KFOR soldiers are not acceptable.

Unconditional freedom of movement is not and cannot be negotiable.