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## U.S. – Kosovo Agreement concerning Security Measures for the Protection of Classified Information

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Today, U.S. Ambassador to Kosovo Jeffrey M. Hovenier and Kosovan Prime Minister Albin Kurti signed the U.S. – Kosovo Agreement concerning Security Measures for the Protection of Classified Information.

The establishment of this agreement has been an undertaking of more than two years.

The agreement is a whole-of-government approach which opens the door to sharing classified information between our two governments. It establishes that each signatory will protect shared classified information, at a minimum, to an equivalent degree of protection required by the releasing government.

The agreement does not commit either government to share classified information. It allows information sharing when and if the need arises.

The U.S. – Kosovo Agreement concerning Security Measures for the Protection of Classified Information will:

- Support overarching objectives to strengthen defense cooperation;
- Enable future information and communication tools sharing agreements;
- Support Kosovo’s implementation of the Kosovo Security Force’s 10-Year Transition Plan;
- Better align Kosovo with NATO by enabling increased interoperability with Allied forces;
- Support increased regional security considering the recent Russian invasion of Ukraine; and
- Bolster Kosovo’s ability to protect its sovereignty and deter coercive activities from regional actors.

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