We, the representatives of Kosovo and Serbia,

Acknowledging our firm duty and responsibility towards our citizens, regional neighbors and international partners to prevent any renewed military conflict, hostilities or violence between our countries;

Expressing our shared commitment to overcome the legacy of the past conflicts, preserve sustainable peace and long-term stability and work towards a prosperous future for our citizens;

Conscious of the widespread desire in the region and beyond for a comprehensive and final agreement between our countries as an essential pre-condition for regional security, stability and the advancement of the European integration project in our region;

Committed to conduct relations between each other in accordance with the principles of peaceful coexistence, cooperation and peaceful settlement of disputes without prejudice to the ongoing dialogue facilitated by the EU and supported by the USA;

Convinced that all outstanding issues deriving from the violent dissolution of Yugoslavia and the ongoing process of the EU-facilitated dialogue can be resolved through cooperation without resort to confrontation and conflict;

Determined to engage constructively and in good faith for the purpose of achieving a comprehensive and legally binding agreement without any delay;

Agree and solemnly adopt the following:

“JOINT DECLARATION ON NON-AGGRESSION, NON-BELLIGERENCY AND PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS”

ARTICLE I
Non-Aggression

We mutually pledge to refrain from the threat or the use of force against each other and solemnly undertake to make good faith efforts to achieve a comprehensive, legally binding agreement for the purpose of normalizing relations in a durable and lasting way.

We shall refrain from attacking each other, engaging in military aggression, armed hostilities or violent conflict as a means of settling any outstanding or future disputes.

We undertake to make genuine efforts to resolve all current or future disagreements or questions likely to give rise to disputes between us through exclusively peaceful means.
ARTICLE II
Respecting the Borders

Both parties undertake to strictly respect the borders of each other and shall not, now and in the future, make any effort to occupy, seize, annex or control any part or all of the territory of each other.

Both parties shall desist from any direct or indirect support for any external intervention or internal turmoil against the other party for the purpose of occupying, seizing, annexing or controlling any part or all of the territory of each other.

To promote mutual trust and build confidence, parties shall strive for the highest level of transparency regarding any movement or operations of their military and security personnel, particularly in the cross-border areas.

Notwithstanding our respective positions on the issue of mutual recognition, both parties agree to use formal and informal channels of information sharing and cooperation to counter any security threat directed against them from external actors.

Article III
Reciprocity on the Protection and Promotion of Minority Rights

Parties shall work together to establish the most advanced system for the protection and promotion of minority rights for the Albanian community in Serbia and the Serb community in Kosova for the purpose of achieving long lasting and sustainable peace between our countries in full respect of the principle of reciprocity and pursuant to the European values and international acts.

Parties undertake to work in spirit of cooperation to resolve any issue related to the respective minority communities with a view to achieve a balanced accommodation in accordance with the principle of reciprocity. To attain the highest level of accommodation for minority communities, parties will be guided by the following international acts:

• Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948;
• International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights of 1966;
• United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities Adopted by General Assembly resolution 47/135 of 18 December 1992;
• European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages of 1992;
• Council of Europe Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities Of 1998;
• Council of Europe European Charter of Local Self-Government of 15 October 1985;
• Council of Europe Outline Convention on Trans frontier Co-operation between Territorial Communities or Authorities of 21 May 1980;
• Council of Europe’s Venice Commission’s Report on the Preferential Treatment of National Minorities by their Kin-State, (Venice, 19-20 October 2001);
• OSCE Bolzano/Bozen Recommendations on National Minorities in Inter-State Relations Of 2 October 2008.

In the conduct of relations between each other, both parties shall refrain from invoking their respective minority communities as a pretext for the use of force against each other and shall solemnly repudiate any recourse to violence against their respective minority communities in order to achieve any political end or purpose.

Any incidents involving members of the respective minority communities shall be resolved through constructive engagement between the parties and/or international mediation in accordance with Article IV. No consideration or justification related to the status of respective minority communities may be invoked to resort to the threat or use of force in contravention of Article I.

ARTICLE IV
Peaceful Resolution of Disputes
Parties undertake to settle directly all questions which concern their mutual relations in good faith and a spirit of cooperation to reach a timely and equitable solution on the basis of international law.

In the event of failure to reach a solution by any of the above peaceful means, parties will in each particular case, on the basis of mutual agreement, seek a solution by other peaceful means, including mediation, arbitration or facilitation from international organizations or third parties and shall never resort to the use of force for the purpose of reaching a decision in such disputes.

ARTICLE V
Mutual Support of the European Integration Process
Notwithstanding their respective position on recognition, parties reaffirm their shared commitment to be fully fledged members of the European Union in order to integrate their societies and economies in the Euro-Atlantic communities without any delay.

To this end, parties shall refrain from any action or intervention, direct or indirect, individual or collective to obstruct each other from joining the European Union irrespective of their individual progress in the EU membership process.

Irrespective of the state of relations between them, parties mutually pledge not to undertake any direct or indirect action which shall obstruct the membership of each other in the regional, European and international organizations and initiatives.
ARTICLE VI  
Final Provisions

The present declaration drafted in English, Albanian and Serbian languages is signed in presence and witness thereof of the representatives of the European Union and the United States of America.

In the event of discrepancies, the English text is the authoritative one.