



LE PRÉSIDENT DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE



**BUNDESREPUBLIK DEUTSCHLAND
DER BUNDESKANZLER**

His Excellency
Albin Kurti
Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo
Pristina

Berlin and Paris, August 2022

Dear Prime Minister,

We are addressing this joint letter to you at a crucial point in time both for security on the European continent and stability in the Western Balkans region.

We are convinced that in light of the Russian aggression against Ukraine we need to make even stronger efforts for the European perspective of the Western Balkans countries to become a reality and to solve longstanding bilateral and regional disputes.

For the Western Balkans the full normalization of relations between Kosovo and Serbia is of crucial importance.

We are addressing you as the leader of your country in order to appeal to you to show maximum resolve and readiness to take difficult decisions leading to progress in the EU-led dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia.

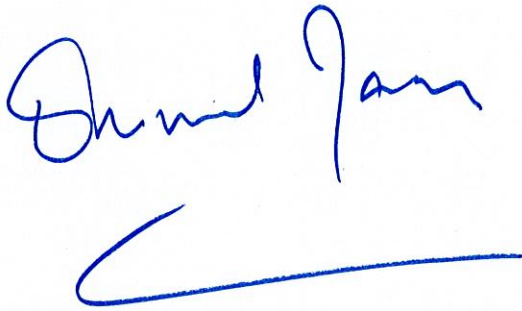
Recent tensions have shown that constructive steps forward are urgently needed, both on the practical and the political level.

We have therefore tasked our Foreign and Security Policy Advisors, Mr Jens Plötner and Mr Emmanuel Bonne, to directly support Miroslav Lajčák in his efforts.

Our proposal is that our Advisors conduct a joint visit together with Miroslav Lajčák to Kosovo and Serbia in order to explore options for the process to move forward quickly.

We very much hope that this initiative will meet your interest and support.

Yours sincerely,

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