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INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE KOSOVO ASSOCIATION OF JURISTS

GNJILANE, Kosovo – The Kosovo Association of Jurists held their inaugural meeting today at the Bujana Restaurant. Attendees included judges, prosecutors and attorneys from the local area as well as the Multi-National Brigade (East) Command Judge Advocate, Col. James E. Lockemy and his staff. The evening began with opening remarks from Brig. Gen. Jerry G. Beck Jr., commanding general of Multi-national Brigade (East).

“I hope that through this association, the first of its kind in Kosovo, will be a pipeline to assist in building respect for the law as well as respect for each other in the legal community,” said Beck. “This is a precedent-setting event that will benefit everyone in Kosovo.”

The mission of the Kosovo Association of Jurists is to foster good relationships and discuss the rule of law among the different judges, prosecutors, and attorneys that work in the area covered by MNB(E). During his remarks Lockemy pointed out that,

“All of us have something in common,” Lockemy said during his remarks “We all work within the law.” Over the past two months Lockemy and his staff contributed to the formation of the association; providing guidance on how similar organizations in the U.S. function and assisting with resources for this inaugural meeting.

Other invited speakers included Yemer Huruglica, president of the Gnjilane District Court, Tomislav Jovanovic, a judge with the Gnjilane District Court, and Elizabeth Rennie, a United Nations Mission in Kosovo international prosecutor. The speakers addressed issues facing the legal system in Kosovo and how this multiethnic organization can work together to make Kosovo a better place.

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