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Dear Mr Bytyçi,

Thank you for your e-mail of 16 October 2009. President Barroso asked me to respond to it.

The European Commission has no competences as regards the recognition of sovereign states. Each Member State decides on its relations with Kosovo in accordance with national practice and international law.

In its recent communication on Kosovo, the Commission proposes a number of practical measures to ensure Kosovo is not left behind developments in the Western Balkans at large, notably in the areas of visas and trade. These measures allow the EU to engage with Kosovo and to actively contribute to its political and socio-economic development, without prejudging EU Member States' position on Kosovo's status. At the same time, these measures aim to show Kosovo citizens that EU approximation is about concrete benefits and improving their daily lives.

Yours sincerely,


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