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Dear Mr. Lajčák,

I would like to call your attention to an important aspect of the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue. Although United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security calls for the inclusion of women in all peace processes, and the EU has committed to implementing this Resolution in its EU Strategic Approach to Women, Peace and Security (<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/37412/st15086-en18.pdf>), women have not been sufficiently included in the Kosovo-Serbia Dialogue.

While this resolution and its sister resolutions point to the important role of women's rights organisations in peace processes, I have been informed that you have not met with these organisations or women's rights activists in your most recent visit to Kosovo. I would like to underline the need for a gender-sensitive EU foreign policy, which should be applied in any dialogue and on any issue. Could you therefore please clarify why you have not included women's rights organisations in the meeting that you held with civil society?

Furthermore, what will you do to fulfil the EU's commitments to including more women in peace processes, including in both track one and track two diplomacy, related to the Kosovo-Serbia Dialogue in the future? It has been brought to my attention that the negotiating team of Pristina does not include any women. Have you raised this issue with the leaders of the negotiating team or at any other forum?

Thank you very much for your answers in advance and I wish you a successful process in the negotiations.

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