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Application by Kosovo* for membership of the Council of Europe

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In the draft opinion, replace paragraph 11 with the following paragraph:

"The Assembly considers that the establishment of the Association of Serb majority municipalities is an indispensable step towards the normalisation of relations between Pristina and Belgrade, an international obligation undertaken within the aegis of the EU-facilitated dialogue, and above all a way to enhance the democratic participation and empowerment of Kosovo Serbs and ensure the protection of their rights. The Assembly, therefore, expects that the Kosovo Government will take substantial and tangible steps with a view to establishing the Association at the earliest possible date. The Assembly considers that the establishment of the Association should feature prominently in the Committee of Ministers' future consideration of Kosovo's application to accede to the Council of Europe.

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