

EBD/08/75

July 14, 2008

To: Members of the Executive Board

From: The Secretary

Subject: **Republic of Kosovo—Application for Membership**

Attached for the **information** of Executive Directors is the application by the Republic of Kosovo for membership in the Fund, which was received on July 10, 2008.

The next steps in the membership process, summarized by the Acting Chair at EBM/08/63 today, are outlined in BUFF/08/104 (7/14/08).

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Date 10.07.2008

**Mr. Dominique Strauss-Kahn**  
**Managing Director**  
**International Monetary Fund**  
**700 19<sup>th</sup> St. NW**  
**Washington, DC, 20431**

Dear Mr. Strauss-Kahn

Following the February 17<sup>th</sup> Declaration of Independence of Kosovo as an Independent Republic, which until now has been recognized by 43 countries, including USA and most European Union countries, I have the honor to formally request that the Republic of Kosovo be admitted to membership in the International Monetary Fund.

Mr. Ahmet Shala, Minister of Economy and Finance, has been authorized and directed to conduct, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, the negotiations with the Fund regarding this application and to transmit to you any information which you may require in the consideration of this request.

During his visit to the IMF in Washington D.C., Minister Shala indicated that we are applying for membership ahead of the Donors Conference, which is to take place on July 11, 2008 in Brussels.

For your information I would add that I will file, on behalf of my Government, an application for membership of the Republic of Kosovo to the World Bank Group, namely

the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Finance Corporation, the International Development Association, the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency and International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'H. Thaçi', written over a faint, circular official stamp.

Hashim Thaçi  
Prime Minister

Government of the Republic of Kosovo