

- Notwithstanding the political process, develop thinking on what in real terms "conditional independence" might look like [REDACTED]
- Formal review of progress with Ahtisaari in mid-June 2006 (Contact Group but perhaps also the Security Council – with a view to a Security Council reaction if necessary or appropriate).
- Formal conference to conclude negotiations (and bridging any remaining issues). Security Council resolution endorsing the outcome and any arrangements/obligations arising from the settlement.

ECONOMIC

- Management of the privatisation process as it relates to Kosovo's mineral resources e.g. the Trepca mines and other unexploited natural resources. International investment opportunities with revenue sharing arrangements for a defined period (5-years)?
- Early 2006 - Economic development in Kosovo – what more can the EU do to make its contribution more effective? When should we engage the International Financial Institutions (IFIs) in the process? At what level would the IFIs be able to engage with a "conditionally independent" Kosovo?
- Consideration of extra-ordinary financial assistance from the EU to Kosovo to help balance its budget (Eide report talks about a serious budget deficit). EU perform comprehensive needs assessment visit before the end of 2005 (??) to clarify needs. Linkage to possible donor conference during final status process? Or schedule for midway during status process to flag up financial commitments in advance of a political settlement.

ESDP/POLICING AND JUSTICE MISSIONS

- Focus EU engagement – possible ESDP activity in early 2006 on policing/rule of law (Fact Finding Mission might be scheduled for 2006 – consider budgetary implications). Will need co-ordination.