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Religious Freedom in Kosovo

His Excellency, Prime Minister Hashim Thaci

As members of the Working Group for Religious Freedom (AGR) of the Swiss Evangelical Alliance (SEA), we are extremely concerned to hear about the increasing influence of radical Muslim groups in the new country of Kosovo. We have heard from reliable sources in the course of the past month that Christian believers have been attacked by such groups or individuals. A few weeks ago, a church building in Prishtina was vandalized. A church member from the western town of Prizren in Kosova, Besim Ajeti (47), was brutally beaten. Christian believers are being increasingly provoked or attacked in your country.

As a matter of urgency, we ask you to see to it that the human rights entailed in the UN Declaration, above all article 18, which demands religious liberty for all people, are put into practice in your country and that the adequate protection of its minorities is ensured. We also ask you to have the incidents mentioned above thoroughly investigated and those responsible brought to justice.

Yours sincerely and respectfully

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