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**Remarks of Ambassador Werner Wnendt,
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**Reception at the Assembly of Kosovo on the occasion of the launching of new
publications**

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The following are opening remarks given at a reception at the Assembly of Kosovo organized by the OSCE Mission in Kosovo.

Dear President Berisha, Members of the Kosovo Assembly, and Assembly Support Initiative (ASI) Partners. Thank you for attending this reception to launch the revised Assembly Rules of Procedure and the publication of the Assembly Monitoring Reports for 2006.

The revised Rules of Procedure include revisions made in June 2006 to the provisions on the agenda preparation, questions to the Government and interpellation.

The Monitoring Reports are a compendium of a 12 month assessment of the Assembly's deliberations carried out by the OSCE.

Both of these publications speak to the increased transparency and democratic functioning of the Kosovo Assembly. OSCE and its ASI partners, NDI and EAR, are proud to work with the Assembly and to be a part of its important role.

The Assembly's 2007 mandate will be the most important and challenging to date. This will be increasingly evident in the next few months, when the status settlement will be delivered. The Assembly might be expected to pass status implementing legislation along with its current work load.

OSCE and its ASI partners will continue to work closely with the Assembly to ensure successful implementation of new responsibilities arising out of a possible status settlement and equally important, continued implementation of the Assembly's other responsibilities. Some of these activities include increased co-operation with regional and other European legislatures, increased links with European political parties and continued harmonization of Kosovo laws with EU standards.

I am confident that we will all continue to profit from the benefits of this close co-operation. Thank you again President Berisha and Members of Assembly for your partnership. And thank you all for attending.