

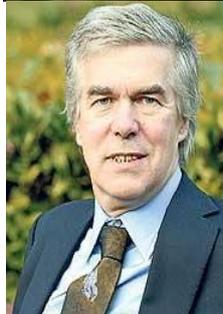
The United Nations presents:

## *The Agreement*



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Karen Stokkendal Poulsen works with political processes as a key interest and has experience with international relations through a Master in Political Science as well as tasks for the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She holds an MA in Screen Documentary from Goldsmiths College, London University. Her first film was a portrait of the Danish politician Villy Søvndal. *The Agreement* is Karen's first film for an international audience.



### Robert Cooper

Robert Cooper is a British and European diplomat. Until his retirement in 2012 he was one of the highest-ranking diplomats in the EEAS, working directly to EU's High Representative Catherine Ashton. The Serbia-Kosovo dialogue was one of his last assignments. He still continues to work for the EU in a limited role as the High Representative's Special Adviser on Burma. He is also a Visiting Professor at London School of Economics as well as a member of the think tank the European Council on Foreign Relations. He has worked at various British Embassies abroad, and was appointed the Counsellor of the newly established EEAS in 2010.



### Stefan Lehne

Stefan Lehne is a visiting scholar at Carnegie Europe in Brussels, where he researches the post-Lisbon Treaty development of the EU's foreign policy with a specific focus on relations between the EU and member states. He has previously served as Director General for Political Affairs at the Austrian Ministry for European and International Affairs, and has served the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU as Director for the Balkans, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia. He has also been the Head of the Task Force for Western Balkans and Central Europe. In addition, he has held a number of other appointments in the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



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## *The Agreement:*

### ◆ 2011: Belgrade-Pristina Negotiations

The negotiations are a series of talks between Serbia and Kosovo. The talks took place in Brussels and were mediated by the EU, represented by Robert Cooper. Borko Stefanović led the Belgrade negotiating team and Edita Tahiri led the Pristina negotiating team. The talks featured three main issues:

- Regional cooperation
- Freedom of movement
- Rule of law

### ◆ 2013: The Brussels Agreement, aimed at normalising relations between Serbia and Kosovo, was signed on 19 April 2013

**Statement by the Spokesperson for the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on the EU-facilitated dialogue between Belgrade and Pristina, 2013:**

*The Secretary-General welcomes the landmark agreement between Belgrade and Pristina initialed today in Brussels under the auspices of the E.U. High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Catherine Ashton.*

*The Secretary-General congratulates and commends the leaders from both sides for their steadfast determination and hopes that the agreement will bring about a brighter future and lasting stability to the region. He also congratulates Lady Ashton for her strong efforts and her successful personal role in helping to bring about this agreement.*