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## **UN Waives Immunity of International Staff Member**

PRISTINA--- On 15 September, a UN employee was taken in by UNMIK Police following allegations of indecent exposure. He was handed over to UN Security to carry out investigations.

Under UN regulations, an individual is charged and has the right to respond before action is taken against him or her. The UN Headquarters in New York has prepared formal charges. But this situation can take several weeks to complete.

UNMIK recommended the strongest possible actions be taken against the staff member, and that he be summarily dismissed.

In the meantime, the staff member has tendered his resignation, which has been accepted by UNMIK. However, the decision to waive functional privileges and immunities of international staff is made by the Secretary General in New York. UNMIK had recommended that the privileges and immunities be lifted so that the staff member can be tried in the Kosovo courts. New York has approved the waiving of immunity of the staff member and therefore the police investigation will go on and eventually be handed over to the local justice system.