

## Key Quotes

The United Nations' chief envoy for ethnically divided Cyprus said on Tuesday he anticipated a resumption of peace talks in October after a lull of more than a year. Reunification talks between estranged Greek and Turkish Cypriots have been stalled for the past 14 months, in part because of financial turmoil engulfing the island and its need for an international bailout. **"They are looking to starting talks in October,"** said U.N. special adviser Alexander Downer, referring to the two sides. **"That is the indication they are giving and obviously there is a lot of work that needs to be done from now until then."** Ankara refuses to recognise the government of Cyprus, run by Greek Cypriots, which is a member of the European Union. Turkey's stance hurts its own bid to join the EU (Reuters, UK, 30/7)

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2013/07/30/uk-cyprus-un-idUKBRE96T0F620130730?feedType=RSS&feedName=worldNews>

**"Croatia will not meddle in Bosnia's [sic] interior affairs, but it is its national interest to have all neighbours be stable and successful countries,"** Croatian President Ivo Josipović said ([kerdos.gr](http://www.kerdos.gr), GR, 30/7)

<http://www.kerdos.gr/default.aspx?id=1950930&nt=103>

## Summary

### Bulgaria willing to sign friendship treaty

Bulgaria is strongly committed to signing a good-neighbour agreement with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and is negotiating to settle the matters that still exist in bilateral relations, Bulgarian Foreign Minister Kristian Vigenin has said. *"The main differences between the two countries are related mainly to three key issues"* Vigenin told Bulgarian National Radio on Monday adding that the Bulgarian government will continue to conduct talks with Skopje regarding those key differences that still need to be settled. The Bulgarian Foreign Minister explained that one of the issues is due to the common history shared by the two countries and concerns the arrangement of celebrating important historic dates. The second issue is an article of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia's constitution regarding the treatment of minorities in neighbouring countries, while the third issue is related to linguistic matters. (novinite.com, BG, 29/7). It was not specified whether the article in question was Article 49 of the Constitution of the Republic of Macedonia [sic], which states that the state will take care of the rights and living conditions of Macedonians in neighbouring countries. The same article was an obstacle for Greece, which meant the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is obliged to amend it and to commit, through an interim agreement, to ensuring that the outstanding article will not be used as base for interference in the home affairs of foreign state (focus-fen.net, BG, 30/7).

- novinite.com, BG, 29/7, [http://www.novinite.com/view\\_news.php?id=152436](http://www.novinite.com/view_news.php?id=152436)
- focus-fen.net, BG, 30/7, <http://www.focus-fen.net/?id=n311930>

### Ukraine closer to the West

In an interview Enlargement Commissioner Štefan Füle said that although the present is not right for the expansion of the EU, further enlargement will be resumed at some point in time. He pointed out that *"conditional"* acceptance of countries not meeting EU criteria, e.g. Romania and Bulgaria, is now over - Croatia simply had to meet all requirements. As to Ukraine's Association agreement the Commissioner said that its fate is in Kiev's hands - Ukraine is very well aware of the criteria it must comply with. He dismissed worries that the non-signing for this agreement in Vilnius this year will *"push Ukraine into Russia's embrace as he believes Ukrainian politics to be too pro-Western"* (Gazeta Wyborcza, PL, 30/7).

- Gazeta Wyborcza, PL, 30/7, [http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20130730/mi/item\\_164443601.pdf](http://193.178.140.110/delivery/20130730/mi/item_164443601.pdf)

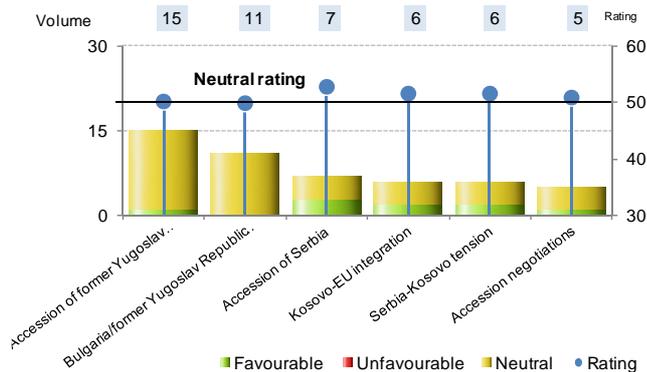
### Two policemen injured in Kosovo

Two policemen were injured on Monday as protestors stoned an EU vehicle in Serb-populated northern Kosovo in the first such incident since Belgrade and Priština reached a deal on normalising ties. A European Union rule of law mission (EULEX) police patrol was stopped by protestors in the northern town Zvečan who soon began stoning the car. *"Two EULEX police officers were injured and the vehicle damaged... In an act of self-defense one policeman fired a warning shot in the air"* the mission said in a statement. The protest was organised as a response to an earlier arrest of two ethnic Serbs in the ethnically-divided flashpoint town Kosovska Mitrovica, suspected of an attempted multiple murder last year (eubusiness.com, UK, 30/7).

- eubusiness.com, UK, 30/7, <http://www.eubusiness.com/news-eu/kosovo-serbia-north.q32>

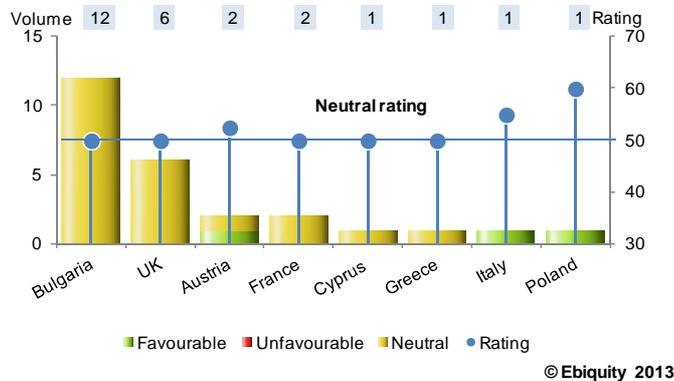
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Štefan Füle (Enlargement Commissioner, EC)	2
Baroness Catherine Ashton, (High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, EU)	2
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan (Prime Minister, Turkey)	2
Dervis Eroğlu (Turkish Cypriot leader)	2
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