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He was also a UN Under-Secretary-General from 1997-2002 and executive director of UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

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These were confidential reports indicating the same things that Marty's report did, he added.

We already have a report on Kosovo, which is a regular report on various issues. The topic of the report could be EULEX and the fact that not even three years later did their work yield any results, Arlacchi explained.

The first goal is to conduct an investigation so as not to continue making the same mistakes, Arlacchi pointed out.