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### **Pristina to open nine “embassies” abroad**

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Kosovo President Fatmir Sejdiu signed a decree Wednesday for the establishment of first nine “embassies” abroad.

Based on the decree, Pristina will first open its embassies in Albania, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Britain and the United States.

Sejdiu said all these missions would be established in the level of “embassies”.

He did not specify when the first embassies will be open but said only it intends to open other embassies in the near future.

Some of the 43 countries that have recognized Kosovo's statehood have already turned their diplomatic offices into embassies in Pristina, whereas many others continue to act as liaison offices.

Kosovo's Deputy Prime Minister Hajredin Kuqi said by the end of June Kosovo would announce the names of ambassadors in charge of these diplomatic missions.

"Kosovo has human potential to successfully carry out diplomatic and consular affairs in these embassies," said Kuqi.

He said currently Kosovo was not capable to establish 20 diplomatic missions as previously planned.