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ECFR: Kosovo most striking proof of weak EU influence in the UN

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The Kosovo case is the most obvious proof of the weak influence of the European Union in the United Nations, the European Council on Foreign Relations assessed in an analysis presented on the occasion of the start of the UN General Assembly session in New York.

The report analyses the reasons for the weakening of the influence of the EU in all of the UN bodies - all the way from the General Assembly to the Security Council - and concludes that the reason for this is the growing influence of Russia and China, but also the intensified disagreements between the West and the Muslim countries.

No other crisis in the world has proved so clearly as Kosovo the limitations of the European influence, the Brussels institute underlined in its report, recalling the failure of EU countries to push through the UN Security Council the Ahtisaari plan in 2007.

The authors of the text say that what is problematic in particular, apart from the evident strengthening of Russia and China, is the loss of the EU influence in the Muslim countries.

It seems that the alliance which existed during the Balkan wars between the West and the Muslim countries, when they supported the Bosniaks and Kosovo Albanians, has now disappeared, it is pointed out in the analysis, which adds that the West and the EU could count only on the support of three countries of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) - Turkey, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Afghanistan.

The EU, according to the authors of the text, is losing its political credibility on the world scene and at the UN.