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Slovakia, Romania issue support to Serbia's territorial integrity

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Slovakia's Prime Minister Robert Fico said in Belgrade, after meeting with his Serbian counterpart Mirko Cvetkovic, that his country will not change its opposition to Kosovo's unilateral secession.

Fico said that his country left no room for pressure from the very beginning.

Slovakia is one of the five EU members that have not recognized the province's declaration of independence.

International judicial instances exist in order to be respected, Fico told reporters, and added he is "convinced that the declaration of Kosovo's independence was not in line with international law".

"Slovakia 's position on the Kosovo issue is well known and we see no reason to change it. Serbia and Slovakia share the same opinion, and that is that international law must be taken into account, otherwise, nothing makes sense," he said.

"If there is at least a tiny piece of justice in this world, the International Court of Justice in The Hague will have to confirm it," Fico added.

Meanwhile, in Luxembourg, Romanian Foreign Minister Lazar Comanescu said that Romania advocates respect of law in all cases, and that it proved this stand by supporting Serbia in the case of Kosovo.

After the European Union Council of Ministers supported earlier in the day Moldova 's territorial integrity in the case of Transdniestria, Comanescu said that Romania strongly supports the principles of international law and territorial integrity of states, emphasizing that he made this stand clear at the UN General Assembly recent session.

"The ICJ is a respected institution and countries should wait for its ruling", Comanescu said.