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Ban Ki-Moon urges Pristina to accept the UN plan

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U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon urged the Kosovo Albanian leadership to reconsider an amended United Nations plan for deployment of the Eulex mission.

Kosovo President Fatmir Sejdiu and Prime Minister Hashim Thaci on Monday rejected Ban's plan.

"I do hope that the Pristina government will consider my proposal and this process of negotiation positively and favorably for the future of their country," Ban said.

He added that he hoped the Kosovo leaders would keep a sense of "reality" and "flexibility."

Serbia 's Foreign Minister Vuk Jeremic said on Monday Belgrade would support Ban's proposal.

Among other provisions, the plan indicates there would be two separate chains of command for Albanian and Serb policemen in Kosovo. In majority Albanian areas, police would be under the EU umbrella, while police in the northern part held by Serbs would report to the U.N. administration.

Ban told reporters that he is disappointed that his proposals and the negotiations with the Serbian government on the six points, although agreed with Belgrade , "have again encountered certain reservations and opposition from the government in Priština".

It is possible that a new meeting of the Security Council could be called by the end of this week, it was announced on the website of the UN secretary-general.

Ban said he was satisfied with the remarks made by Belgrade , and that he included them in the proposals contained in his report.

"That is what I proposed and what was negotiated with the Serbian government, and with the understanding of the other interested sides," he underscored.

"Agreement was reached with all the interested sides in these negotiations. It is now up to the Kosovo authorities to positively and advantageously consider these proposals, primarily so that these processes could continue and be managed in keeping with UN Security Council Resolution 1244, and also in keeping with the package announced to the Security Council," Ban was quoted as saying.