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Vatican does not intend to recognize Kosovo

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The State of the Vatican City does not intend to recognize independence of Kosovo and will not even discuss the issue, its State Secretariat said.

“We believe that the issue is still open, it is being discussed in the United Nations. New proposals and plans that should be implemented are still in focus,” it underlined.

The Secretariat added that the fact that a large number of countries had not recognized independence of Kosovo and that the number of countries that are against independence is not small should not be forgotten.

At the same time, the Catholic Church wishes to maintain good relations with the Serbian Orthodox Church (SPC) and to continue the ecumenical dialogue, which is making progress, it was stated at the State Secretariat.

The stance of the Holy See on the issue of Kosovo's independence is well-known, and that stand will not be changed, the State Secretariat also said.