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Serbian Army reiterates criticism of NATO for role in training Kosovo force

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The Chief of Staff of the Serbian Army, general Zdravko Ponos, reiterated criticism directed at NATO for its decision to train the future “Kosovo Security Force”.

NATO’s decision last summer led to the freezing of high-level relations between Belgrade and the Alliance.

“This was an opportunity to reiterate our dissatisfaction, but also an opportunity to find new modalities of cooperation ... this cooperation with Kfor is necessary in order to protect stability in the region and the non-Albanians in Kosovo”, Ponos said after a meeting of the chiefs of staff of NATO and the Partnership for Peace in Brussels.

He said that 10 years after the conflict in Kosovo it was time to remove some obsolete regulations in the zone around the Serbian province which are based on the Military-Technical agreement between NATO and Belgrade signed in June 1999.