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Belgrade rejects a Kosovo model based on the 1972 Berlin agreement

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Serbia has rejected a suggestion that the model for the resolution of the Kosovo status should be based on the 1972 Berlin agreement which established good-neighborly relations between East and West Germany.

Media reports suggested that the EU envoy in the troika, Wolfgang Ischinger, had proposed that Serbia and Kosovo should arrange their relations as done by the two German states according to the 1972 Berlin agreement.

The agreement established good neighborly relations between the two countries, and de facto -- but not de jure -- guaranteed the recognition of East Germany.

"Kosovo is not such a case. It is a province in Serbia under U.N. administration and its status will be defined during the negotiations within the U.N. Security Council Resolution 1244," Serbian Minister for Kosovo Slobodan Samardzic pointed out.

The minister said that the resolution's framework "does not allow for any kind of agreement that would resemble the interstate agreement signed in 1972."

Serbian Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica added that « there is not a single word about independence in the Resolution 1244, nor about the 1972 model between two German states. As such, in accordance with Resolution 1244, it cannot even be an object of discussion”.