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Kostunica: Serbia to insist on parallels between its plan for Kosovo and the Hong Kong solution

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Serbian Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica said on Tuesday that the Belgrade negotiating team would for the next round of the status talks prepare a comparative presentation of the essential autonomy model being offered to Pristina and the current Hong Kong example.

Kostunica said that, in order to reach a compromise, a solution that provided stability, sustainability, functionality, and prosperity should be defined at the November 20 meeting in Brussels.

By providing a comparative presentation of the essential autonomy proposal and Hong Kong's status within China, the Belgrade team, as Kostunica put it, will show that the highest level of autonomy is the best, concrete and realistic solution for Kosovo.

"We are confident that at the next meeting in Brussels we will offer strong arguments and evidence that this is the road that will lead us to an agreement, and most importantly that agreement would be fully in line with the U.N. Charter and the Serbian Constitution," Kostunica said.

He stressed that Belgrade saw a compromise solution as the protection of Serbia's essential interests along with the protection of the ethnic Albanian minority's interests in Kosovo.

Such a solution is possible, which can be proven through a conversation that would look at the parallels between the essential autonomy idea and the solution found in Hong Kong's case, Kostunica explained.