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UN Security Council set for one of key episodes on Kosovo status

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The United Nations Security Council is set to convene for another in a series of crucial sessions aimed at solving the status of Kosovo amid diplomatic offensives by both Belgrade and Pristina and major powers hopelessly divided over this issue.

Serbian Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica, ahead of Wednesday's session, harshly criticized Western plans to deploy the European Union missions in Kosovo without proper decision taken by the Security Council.

"The international law exists to be respected and not to be broken. If not, we are facing a new era and questions about what would happen to international law," said Kostunica.

The Serbian delegation is seeking support for continuous negotiations on the future status of Kosovo and full respect of the international law as well as Resolution 1244, which retained Serbia's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

At the same time, the Kosovo Albanians are pushing their case for independence as President Fatmir Sejdiu and prime minister designate Hashim Thaci meet with all 20 ambassadors of current and future members of the Security Council.

However, the 15-member body is not expected to take any key decisions at the meeting.