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EU refers to normalization agreement between Serbia, breakaway province of Kosovo & Metohija



The leaders of Serbia and the breakaway province of Kosovo and Metohija reportedly agreed that no further talks are needed on an agreement to normalize relations between the two, while also expressing a readiness to continue with its implementation.

European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell announced the development.

Speaking on Monday, after hosting talks in Brussels between Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic and the breakaway province's Prime Minister, Albin Kurti, Borrell said the leaders agreed "no further discussions" were needed on the deal.

However, he said "further negotiations are still needed" on how the agreement and previous commitments made by the two sides would be implemented.

Borrell will convene another meeting between Vucic and Kurti in March, with the aim of finalizing discussions on the part of the agreement that will guide the implementation phase.

The 11-point document says that neither side will resort to violence to resolve a dispute nor seek to prevent the other from joining the European Union or other international bodies.

Vucic expressed a hope that it would be possible to reach some compromises and to work on the implementation of existing agreements. He said he would clear his schedule to work with the EU's special representative for the Belgrade-Pristina dialogue on the implementation plan.

The formation of an association of municipalities with a Serbian majority has been a main sticking point, and Vucic said he continued to insist on this point, while Kurti was not ready to accept it.

"We will see if he will in the future," Vucic said.