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Medvedev: Europe will pay the Kosovo price for decades

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Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said Kosovo was a “dangerous and unfortunate precedent” for which Europe “will pay for decades”, and slammed UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon for deciding unilaterally to downsize Unmik and allow the Eulex mission.

"We consider Kosovo as a dangerous and unfortunate precedent. Europe will pay for it for decades. It's obvious that a whole host of other separatist regimes will exploit it to justify their own desire for legal status, " Medvedev said in an interview ahead of the G8 summit next week.

He criticized Ban Ki-Moon for his decision on the reconfiguration of Unmik, without a proper UN Security Council decision

"At a minimum these are decisions which the Secretary-General must not take on his own. They must be taken by the Security Council. And it's quite strange when the Security Council hasn't made any pronouncement but the Secretary General speaks out on the issue", the Russian president said.