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## **Media: Another major Serbian diplomatic victory at UN**

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International media say the UN SC's endorsement of the six-point plan for EULEX's deployment constitutes a major victory in Serbia's diplomatic battle for Kosovo.

"The adoption of the six-point deal is considered Serbia's second diplomatic victory, hot on the heels of the UN General Assembly's decision to adopt Serbia's initiative to seek the opinion of the International Court of Justice in The Hague regarding the legality of Kosovo's independence," Radio Free Europe stated.

The American radio station said that Serbia's insistence on certain conditions had "had an effect," while observers believe that "the agreement between Belgrade and Ban Ki-moon surprised Pristina, because it showed that not all was lost for Belgrade even after the declaration of Kosovo independence."

Moscow daily Vremya Novosti writes that the "new form of the international peacekeeping presence in Kosovo constitutes a diplomatic victory for Belgrade."

EU mission officials will, among other things, regularly submit reports to the Security Council, and in their work, will be guided by the provisions of Resolution 1244, which confirms Serbia's territorial integrity, the Russian daily writes.

Radio Deutsche Welle also states that the UN Security Council's unanimous support for Ban's report "chalks up another positive diplomatic point" for Serbia.

"After Belgrade's key demands were met, the Security Council's decision came as a logical move," said the radio station, adding that the most important thing for Belgrade was to have EULEX's status remain neutral and work under the umbrella of the UN in accordance with Resolution 1244.

The German radio station stated that the Security Council session "was interesting because this time it was Belgrade calling on Priština not to go against the will of the international community."

BBC Radio also reported that the Security Council had unanimously accepted the plan.

"Agencies are noting that the undefined text of the statement leaves to the side the issue of Kosovo's independence," said the BBC, adding that Ban was recommending that EULEX be deployed in Kosovo fully in line with Resolution 1244 and acting under the full authority of the UN, while remaining neutral in status.