

THE BOOMERANG EFFECT CHART

Consequences of an Unlawful Recognition of Kosovo's Independence

<p>THE (US-EU) SCHEDULE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Proclaim that talks have “terminally failed” · “Creatively interpret” UN Security Council Resolution 1244 · Bypass UN SC and send EU mission to replace discredited UNMIK · Play “sticks and carrots” with Serbia · Unofficially apply Ahtisaari’s Plan, albeit rejected by the UN SC · Coordinate with willing allies Kosovo’s declaration of independence · Pressure countries to individually recognize Kosovo’s independence, again outside the UN
<p>DOCUMENTS BREACHED</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · UN Charter · UNSC Resolution 1244 · EU Charter, CFSP, SAA · Helsinki Final Act · Serbian Constitution
<p>THE BIGGER BANG</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Permanent erosion of UN/UNSC legitimacy and credibility · Worldwide geopolitical balance upset by regional alliances, power-plays and “creative” ad hoc interpretations of international law · Further straining of relations between Russia, the EU and the US; other players emboldened to act “unilaterally” or “in coordination with partners”
<p>COLLATERAL DAMAGE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · EU deploys a costly state-building mission; “EU unity” gradually crumbles following cost-benefit analyses of such an action · The Balkans enters a new cycle of tension, regional accords crumble · Direct impetus for violent separatist aspirations in dozens of similarly “unique” hotspots worldwide, despite the “now-and-never-again” rhetoric
<p>THE WAITING LIST (BY ORDER OF RECENT MEDIA APPEARANCE)</p>	<p>Kurdistan (attacks by Turkish military), Western Sahara (talks continue at UN, 16 years after the end of the conflict), Abkhasia (controversial elections), Taiwan (pro-independence parties lose), Basque Country (new ETA incidents) ...</p>

