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Kosovo

Over lunch, ministers discussed Kosovo following the failure of the UN Security Council to reach agreement on a resolution, which they regretted.

It was noted that the negotiating process would now continue for a period of around 120 days. Ministers appealed to Belgrade and Pristina to engage actively and seriously.

It was also noted that the EU should stand by existing agreed positions and that it was determined to remain united on this issue in defence of European interests, notably stability and prosperity and the European future of the Balkans.

Further discussions on the modalities of the negotiations will continue, but ministers agreed that the EU should be part of the international team facilitating negotiations.

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