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**Javier SOLANA,**  
**EU High Representative for the CFSP,**  
**met Kosovo President Fatmir SEJDIU and**  
**Prime Minister Agim ÇEKU**

Javier Solana, European Union High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), met Kosovo President Fatmir Sejdiu and Prime Minister Agim Çeku on Wednesday, 11 July 2007. As said by Mr. Solana the meeting provided an opportunity to *"analyze the situation in all the different aspects that it has. The situation in New York, the situation on the ground and also the situation in relation with the European Union"*.

After the meeting the High Representative told reporters that the EU remains firmly united and committed to resolve the status issue as soon as possible and is making all possible efforts to secure this outcome through the UN Security Council. This is for the good of Kosovo as it will provide legitimacy and allow for a functional and sustainable conclusion. *"I would like to say that for us in the European Union, as you can imagine, it is very important that a Security Council resolution exists. We are multilateralists, we believe in the UN. And therefore we will continue to work in order to have a solution through the UN Security Council"*, said Mr. Solana. He reiterated that the Ahtisaari's concept provides the basis for the settlement of the Kosovo issue: *"The content of the Ahtisaari proposal is a content that we defend"*.

The UN Security Council is currently considering a proposal for additional negotiations and discussions are still ongoing in New York with the objective to resolve the status issue. The EU considers that this process can not go on indefinitely. Mr Solana said: *"It is not an open-ended process, it is a process that will have some limitation in time. But we will have to do it properly in this period of time, with common sense and with a constructive attitude"*.

Stability in Kosovo is fundamental for the region and for Europe. *"The people in Kosovo and the leaders in Kosovo deserve an outcome and we will work for that. So, I would like to say once again that we will continue working together, that I am very pleased to have received today the important leaders of Kosovo, our friends, that will continue to be leaders and friends"*, said Mr. Solana.

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