

The beginning of the international process for defining Kosovo's final status

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Abstract

The trajectory that has followed the process of defining Kosovo's political-legal status has been as complex and difficult as it is unclear both in terms of time and content. While UN Security Council Resolution 1244 maintained (suspended) sovereignty over Yugoslavia over Kosovo and UN international administration (UNMIK), it was envisaged as a transitional phase. Both states, Kosovo and Serbia had completely different expectations. The former expected that after the abolition of international administration, Kosovo will declare its independence and begin its life as a pre-eminent entity, while the second, ie the Serb side, expects the resettlement of sovereignty there, allowing substantial autonomy. In these circumstances during 2004, especially after the events of March 2004, the status quo was preserved, and so the international community began to move slowly towards the definition of the future status of Kosovo.

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