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## **KOSOVO OFFICIAL SAYS SERBIA DEAL MUST INCLUDE RECOGNITION**

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A senior Kosovo official said on Tuesday any agreement on normalizing relations with Serbia must include the countrys recognition by Belgrade and its admission to the United Nations.

Deputy Prime Minister Enver Hoxhaj said during a conference in Slovenia that a very complex process lies ahead in the European Union-mediated negotiations that aim to solve a long standing dispute between the former war foes.

Serbia has refused to accept Kosovos 2008 declaration of independence that came after NATO intervened in the 1998-99 war to stop an onslaught by then-Serbian president Slobodan Milosevic against Kosovo ethnic Albanian separatists.

Around 100 countries have recognized Kosovos statehood, including the United States and most EU nations. But Russia has backed Serbias claim on Kosovo and blocked its entry into the U.N.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/kosovo-official-says-serbia-deal-must-include-recognition/2018/09/11/49635fa6-b5df-11e8-ae4f-2c1439c96d79\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.e80ef26f49d7](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/kosovo-official-says-serbia-deal-must-include-recognition/2018/09/11/49635fa6-b5df-11e8-ae4f-2c1439c96d79_story.html?utm_term=.e80ef26f49d7)

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