

First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia Ivica Dacic met today with US Assistant Secretary of State for Europe and Euro-Asia Wess Mitchell, who is visiting Belgrade as part of his first tour of the region since taking office.

The talks focused on regional stability, Serbia's European path and continuation of the Brussels dialogue.

Wess Mitchell said that the US considered Serbia one of the most important countries in the region and the linchpin of the Balkan stability.

First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia Ivica Dacic said that we appreciated the US support and expressed an interest in continuing positive dynamics in the development of bilateral relations in the future as well, especially in the context of 100th anniversary of flying the Serbian flag over the White House to commemorate US alliance with Serbia.

Assistant Secretary of State Mitchell pointed out that the United States was consistently supporting Serbia's European path and the progress made within the Brussels dialogue.

In order to renew traditional ties of alliance and friendly relations and further step up cooperation and mutual understanding, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia Ivica Dacic presented Assistant Secretary of State Wess Mitchell with the message of US President Woodrow Wilson, on the occasion of St. Vitus Day (Vidovdan), entitled "Celebrate Kosovo as a day of honor", published in the New York Times on June 19, 1918.

