



First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia Ivica Dacic received today the delegation, headed by Czech Social Democrat Party Member of the Parliament of the Czech Republic Jaroslav Foldyna, which included also former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic Jan Kavan and Czech Film Director Vatslav Dvorzak.

The meeting was prompted by the initiative of the MP from the Czech Social Democrat Party, Jaroslav Foldyna, for signing a petition to revoke the recognition by the Czech Republic of the independence of Kosovo, launched at this year's protests organized in Prague in the context of marking the tenth anniversary of the unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo.

The launching of this initiative was aimed at drawing the attention of the Czech public and the public at large to the fact that the unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo was in contravention of international law and that the Czech Republic had made a big mistake by being one of the first countries to recognize the independence of Kosovo.

The interlocutors informed that – in order to rectify the consequences of such decision - study visits for Czech journalists were organized to Serbian enclaves in Kosovo and Metohija, in order to assure them of the actual human rights situation of Serbs living in the southern Serbian Province, thus calling public attention to the fact that the human rights situation of the Serb inhabitants of Kosovo and Metohija was much worse than what was known to the public.

Minister Dacic thanked the members of the Czech delegation for all they had done so far, and what they were currently doing for Serbia in order to promote the truth concerning the issue of Kosovo and Metohija, whose proclamation of independence was in violation of international law and UN Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).

Members of the Czech delegation are strongly convinced that conditioning Serbia's EU membership on the recognition of Kosovo as an independent state is a sort of blackmail, and they believe in the possibility of reaching an agreement acceptable to both sides, where something would be gained and lost by each of them.