



The Republic of Ghana has revoked the recognition of Kosovo and Metohija, of which the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was informed in a diplomatic note. Thus, the Republic of Ghana has become the 16th state to withdraw the recognition of Kosovo.

We have been formally notified by the Government of the Republic of Ghana that it considers its decision made in 2012 to recognize the unilateral declaration of Kosovo and Metohija to be premature and that this recognition leading to the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries was in contravention of the Helsinki Final Act and, more fundamentally, in contravention of the UN Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999).

We appreciate the decision of the Government of the Republic of Ghana, grounded in international law, the Charter of the United Nations and the fact that the process of settlement of this question is ongoing, which Ghana is supportive of.

The decision of the Government of the Republic of Ghana to withdraw the recognition of Kosovo and Metohija is yet another confirmation of our policy of reaching a solution through dialogue and by compromise, with unavoidable participation of Serbia in that process. Unilateral solutions are not a way leading to peace and stabilization of the situation, as also evidenced by the decision of the Government of the Republic of Ghana. We expect that this decision will encourage some other Member States of the United Nations to re-examine their decisions and revoke the recognition of the unilaterally declared independence of Kosovo and Metohija.

The Republic of Ghana is the largest state so far to have withdrawn the recognition of Kosovo and Metohija and its decision is very important internationally, given its size and the political influence that it exercises. We look upon this decision as an expression of its friendship with the Republic of Serbia dating back to the time when the Non-Aligned Movement emerged on the international scene and when its founding fathers also included Presidents Tito and Nkrumah.

The notification of the Government of Ghana can be found [here](#).

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**REPUBLIC OF GHANA**

**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND  
REGIONAL INTEGRATION**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of the Republic of Ghana presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia and has the honour to communicate the following:

The Government of Ghana has decided to withdraw Ghana's recognition of Kosovo as an independent state. This decision of the Government is informed by the following considerations:

In 2012, Ghana decided to recognise Kosovo as an independent and sovereign state, leading to the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. This recognition was in contravention of the Helsinki Final Act and, more fundamentally, in contravention of the UN Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999).

The decision to recognise Kosovo turned out to be premature in view of paragraph 10 of the UNSC Resolution 1244 (1999) which authorised the Secretary-General to "establish an international civil presence in Kosovo in order to provide interim administration for Kosovo under which the people of Kosovo can enjoy substantial autonomy within the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and which will provide for the development of democratic self-governing institutions to ensure conditions for a peaceful and stable future for all inhabitants of Kosovo".

The decision of the Government of Ghana at the time must have, however, been inspired by the quest for peace and harmony.

The Government of Ghana has taken into account the on-going negotiations between Serbia and Kosovo aimed at resolving the issue of the latter's status and does not recognise Kosovo as an independent and sovereign entity and supports the ongoing efforts to bring finality to the matter.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of the Republic of Ghana avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia the assurances of its highest consideration. *CON*