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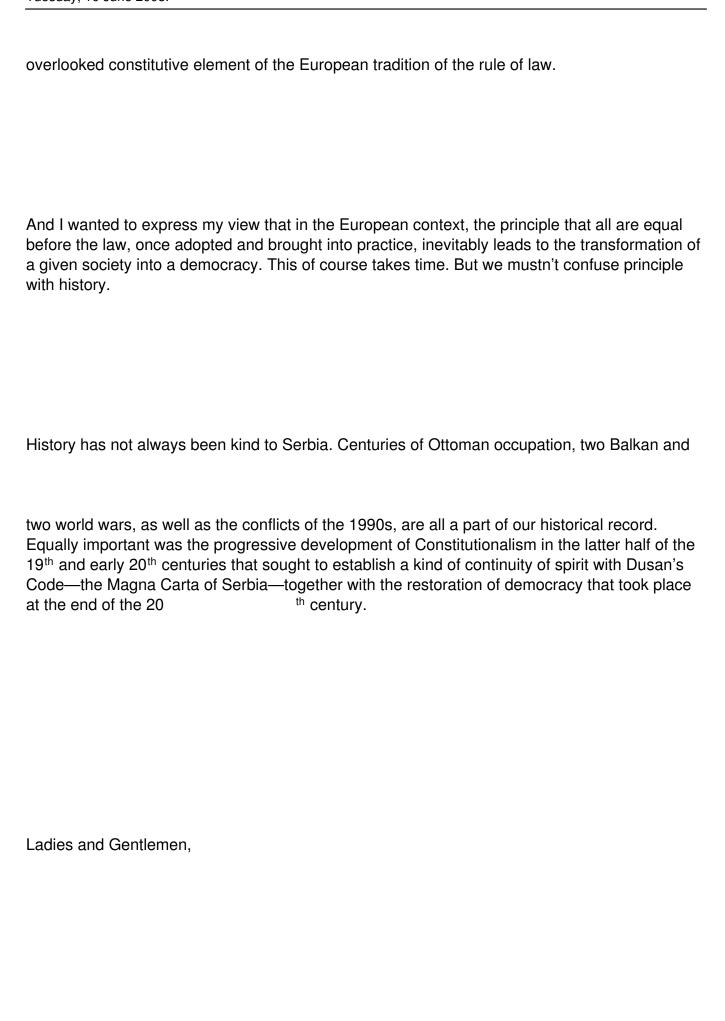
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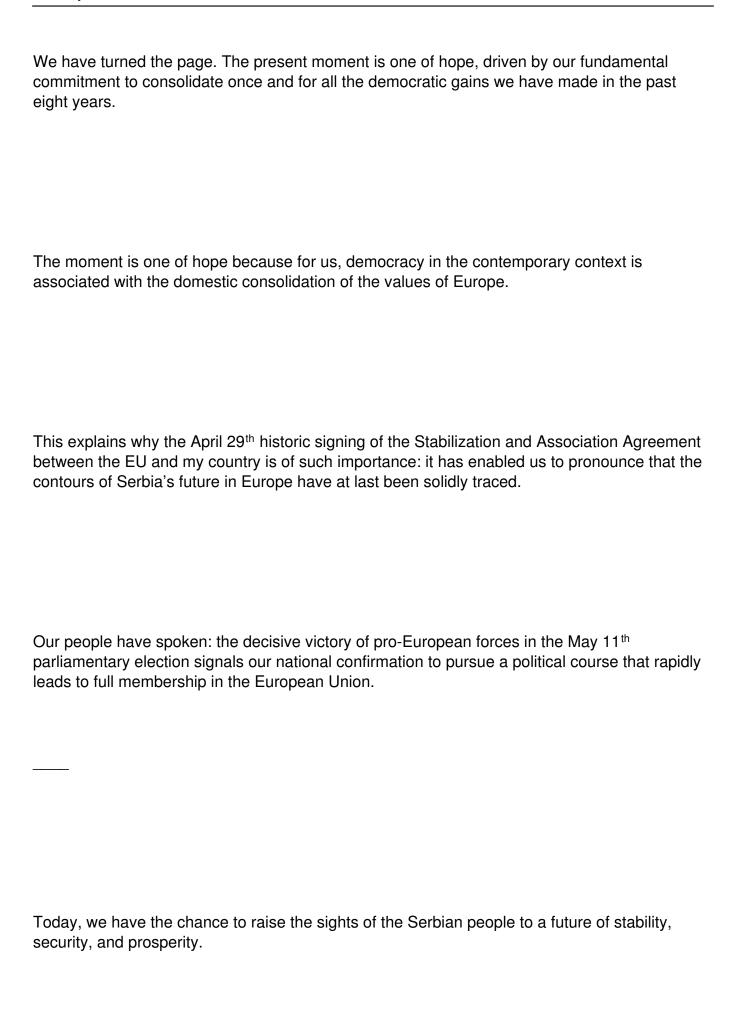
| Excellencies, |
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| Ladies and Gentlemen, |
| It is my great pleasure to be with you this evening here in the Eternal City. |
| I also want to thank the two organizing institutions for bringing us together under the theme of "Serbia, the Balkans, and Europe." |
| And I cannot help but remark that one of these institutions is named after perhaps the most important constitutional document in the long history of Europe, the Magna Carta. |
| This Great Charter of Liberties of 1215 stands at the beginning of our common tradition that raises the rule of law above the arbitrary rule of any man. |

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| But the rule of law is more than our tradition. It forms the core of our self-understanding as a community of shared values. |
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| What is perhaps less well known is the Serbian contribution to the promulgation of these values. |
| In 1349, the Serbian emperor Dusan presented to the nation his Code, in effect Serbia's first constitution. |
| I want to read to you a passage from it: |
| Should Our Imperial Majesty write a letter that contravenes this Code |
| And be at variance with the law and justice |
| As set down in the Code, |

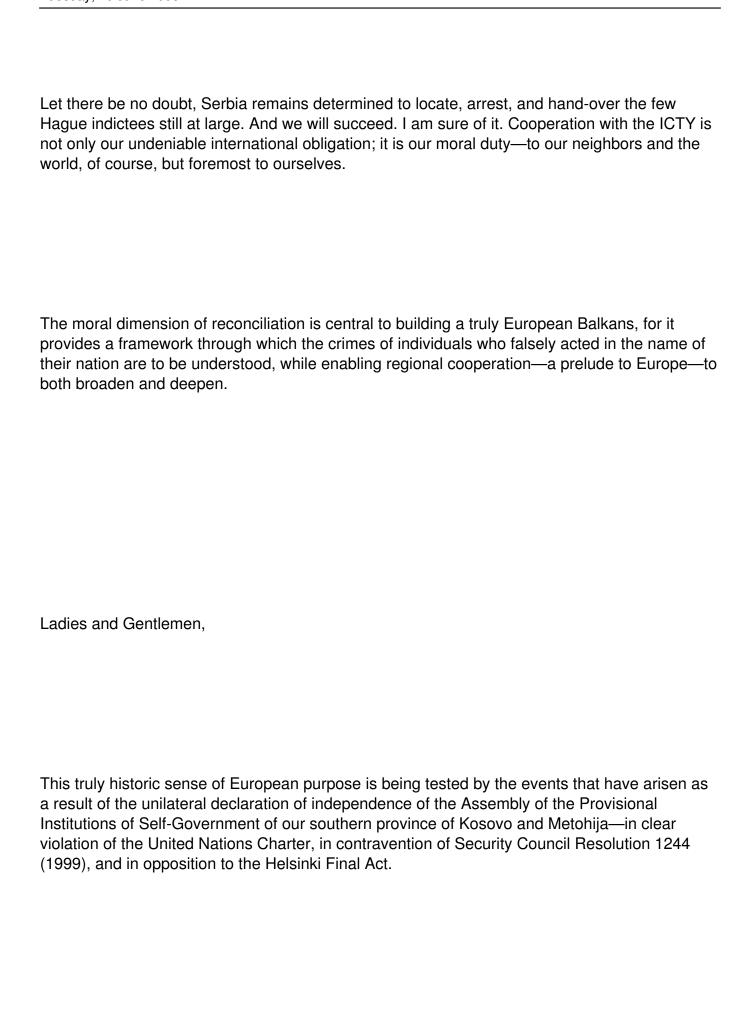
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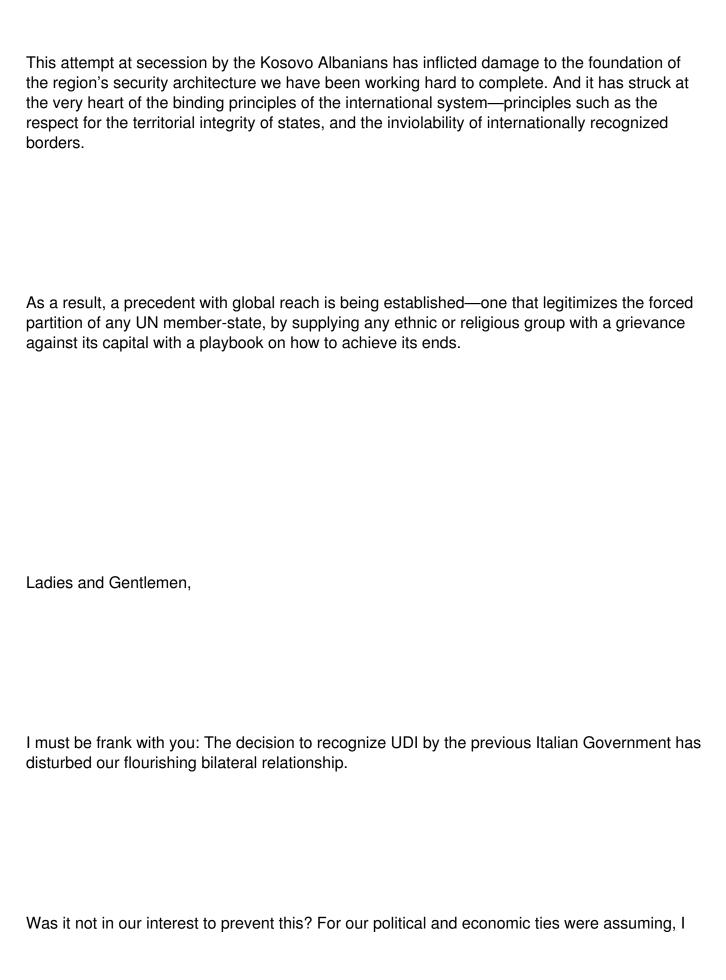




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| think you will agree, the form of a strategic partnership—let me refer only to the mos decision by Fiat to invest in the Zastava car plant in the central Serbian city of Kragu | t recent |
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| And every indication suggested that they were getting even closer, for the Italian Retraditionally understood the European character of Serbia. Your country has, after all of the most active advocates of Serbia's accelerated progress toward full EU member | , been one |
| How do we move forward in this complicated set of circumstances? | |
| How—in other words—do we overcome the erroneous choice to sacrifice the region century geo-strategic priorities on the altar of maximalist, 19 th century communal aspirations? | s 21 st |

I propose that we recall the principles that drive decision-making in Brussels. I'm talking about respect for the rules that frame the choices that can be made, and those that encourage compromise, concession, and consensus-building.

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| And I propose that we make a concerted effort to realign our behavior in accordance with the standards of the international system built on the foundation of the United Nations Charter. |
| These standards were first brought forth when the Magna Carta was promulgated and the rule of law was established as a principle of conduct amongst Europeans. |
| Its strategic aim was regulatory, after all. By seeking to eliminate the arbitrary use of power through the imposition of a compulsory code of conduct, it clearly defined the scope of legitimate behavior. |
| The same is said of the international system established by the UN Charter. The same principles as at work: binding obligations, rule of law, sovereign equality. |
| That is why one can say that the United Nations Charter is the Magna Carta of the world community. |

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| In line with our commitment to the peaceful resolution of Kosovo's future status and the values of the EU we are on course to join, as well as our dedication to respect the rule of law in the international arena, the Republic of Serbia has ruled out the use of force. |
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| Instead, we will proceed with the formulation of creative proposals designed to legalize the international civilian presence and break the status deadlock. |
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| And we will present them to our partners and friends with a view to re-opening the window of opportunity for good faith negotiations to take place and continue until compromises are reached—compromises that all legitimate stakeholders can abide by, and that are confirmed by the United Nations Security Council, the ultimate upholder of the rule of law in the international |
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| Ladies and Gentlemen, |
| I have tried to present to you my vision of Serbia's future and how to attain it, my thoughts on regional cooperation and how to promote it, and my views on Europe and how to achieve them. |
| In the end, I would like to re-emphasize the crux of the matter. An acceptable solution to Kosovo's future status is the <i>sine qua non</i> of a democratic, stable, secure, prosperous and integrated Balkans—one in which the rule of law reigns supreme, reconciliation is achieved, and the values and treaties that bind us together are fully respected. |
| This is a time for sober strategic thinking and prudential statecraft, and a time to look past the divisions. It is time to face forward, to gaze beyond the discord, and to find a European solution to the European challenge that is Kosovo's future status. |
| "To act withal as justice commandeth," says the Code of Dusan. |

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| To act within the law, and strengthen the international system. This is our solemn duty; it is what we should seek to accomplish. |
| It will not be easy. But it is necessary. |
| There is no other workable way forward. |
| And so I believe that in the weeks and months ahead, we will all have to take historical steps designed to move beyond the vicious circle of unilateral actions that have unnecessarily complicated the situation. |
| I believe we can do it, because I believe in the power of the ideas that have gotten us this far, to within sight of the finish line. |

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