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## Estonia recognises Republic of Kosovo

The government of the Republic of Estonia decided during its session today to recognise the independence of the Republic of Kosovo.

Foreign minister Urmas Paet emphasised that the best plan for Kosovo is the status settlement and time schedule proposed by UN Special Envoy of the Secretary General Martti Ahtisaari. "It is noteworthy that in its declaration of independence, the Kosovo Assembly confirms its readiness to implement the Ahtisaari plan, including everything that deals with minorities and the protection of their cultural heritage," Paet emphasised.

The foreign minister added that Estonia is supporting the European Union civilian mission in Kosovo by sending experts to the mission.

Kosovo has been under international control for the past eight years. The Kosovo Assembly declared the province independent from Serbia on 17 February.

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