Statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton at the end of the 8th round of the EU-facilitated dialogue

The High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the Commission issued the following statement today:

"Today we had the 8th meeting of the dialogue for the normalisation of relations between Pristina and Belgrade.

Both Prime Ministers, to whom I again pay tribute, were joined by their Deputy Prime Ministers in what was a session that lasted over 12 hours.

This is the last time we will meet formally.

A number of proposals were put on the table.

The gap between the two sides is very narrow, but deep.

They will now both go back and consult with their colleagues in the capitals and will let me know in the next few days of their decision.

I wish them a good journey home and every possible success in reaching a conclusion."

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