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5 November 2007 - Vienna - Serbia rejects the "14-point proposal" on Kosovo's status drawn up by the Troika of the United States, Russia and the European Union, Serbian Foreign Minister Vuk Jeremic said early on Monday in Vienna.

This stand was later confirmed by Serbia's Prime minister in a news conference after the fourth round of talks. He said that "the 14 points as they stand now mean a relationship between two independent states."
The mediating trio from the United States, Russia and the European Union insist the points do not prejudice the outcome of talks, but present potential areas of common ground.

Serbia is ready to offer autonomy to Kosovo, and retain sovereignty over the province, however the Kosova Albanians refuse any union with Serbia after the events of the 90's and after Serbia revoked the autonomy they already enjoyed as a member of the Yugoslav Federation.

As the fourth round of Kosovo talks concludes, the meetings are not likely to produce a final agreement on the status of Kosovo before December 10, political analysts said. The members of Troika have all but given up on trying obtaining a negotiated solution. Two more meetings have been scheduled before Troika's mandate expires. For the first time, the Russian representative Alexander Botsan-Harchenko stated that chances for reaching a negotiated solution are small or even non-existent. Kosovo has been run by the U.N. since mid-1999, when NATO troops drove out Serbian to stop their violent clashes with Kosovar Albanians.