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Statement on The International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion on Kosovo's Declaration of Independence

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The United States calls on all states to move beyond the issue of Kosovo's status and engage constructively in support of peace and stability in the Balkans, and we call on those states that have not yet done so to recognize Kosovo.

Serbia and Kosovo are both friends and partners of the United States. Now is the time for them to put aside their differences and move forward, working together constructively to resolve practical issues and improve the lives of the people of Kosovo, Serbia, and the region. This is the path toward a better future, as part of a Europe, whole, free, and at peace, and we welcome the European Union's efforts to assist both countries in realizing their European aspirations.