

World divided over independent Kosovo

While the U.S. and the European Union's biggest powers quickly recognized Kosovo as an independent nation, the countries that strongly opposed letting the territory break away from Serbia are in large part those that face their own secessionist movements



Countries that recognize Kosovo

EU: Austria, Britain, France, Germany, Italy – 16 other EU states expected to endorse independence

Others: Australia, United States, Turkey, Albania, Afghanistan

Undecided countries

Canada: Concerned about its own *Quebec* separatist movement

Georgia: Resisting calls for independence from breakaway regions of *Abkhazia* and *South Ossetia*

Countries that oppose an independent Kosovo

Serbia: Territory considered sovereign

Russia: Separatists in *Chechnya* and other restive republics in Caucasus region agitating for independence

China: Has long fought nationalist movements in *Tibet* and *Taiwan*

Indonesia: Has independence movements in *Aceh* and *Papua*

Spain: Faces *Basque* separatists

Greece, Cyprus: Kosovo could set precedent for *Turkish-occupied northern Cyprus*

Romania: Worried by response from pro-Russian separatists in *Moldova*

Slovakia: Faces ethnic tensions with its own sizeable *Hungarian minority*