

Visit of Ivica Dačić, Serbian Prime Minister and Minister for the Interior, to José Manuel Barroso: extracts from the joint press briefing

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On 26 June 2013, José Manuel Barroso, President of the EC, received the visit of Ivica Dačić, Serbian Prime Minister and Minister for the Interior, at the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium. Following their meeting, they gave a joint press briefing on the discussions they had, namely regarding the state of accession negotiations between EU and Serbia and the progress made by the Serbian government.



HEURE	DESCRIPTION	DUREE
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	Exterior view of the Berlaymont building in Brussels, Belgium (2 shots)	00:00:12
00:00:17	Arrival of José Manuel Barroso, President of the EC, and Ivica Dačić, Serbian Prime Minister and Minister for the Interior, to the press briefing	00:00:06
00:00:23	Soundbite by José Manuel Barroso (in ENGLISH): To open negotiations for negotiations with Serbia is a historic decision for Serbia and historic decision for Europe too. I want to congratulate the Prime Minister, his government and the people of Serbia for opening the door to the next important phase in Serbia's European path	00:00:34

	<p>Serbia's European path... Prime Minister Dačić has worked hard to achieve this, in particular to his commitment to reach this historical agreement in the dialogue with Pristina.</p>	
00:00:57	Cutaway of photographers	00:00:04
00:01:01	<p>Soundbite by José Manuel Barroso (in ENGLISH): This agreement paves the way for a better future for all citizens in Serbia and also in Kosovo. It reflects the European spirit, we are not weaker because we talk and try to reach compromise; on the contrary, we are stronger because we build bridges. I therefore welcome Belgrade's continuing engagement with Pristina with the adoption of the implementation plan last May, and the visible efforts invested to implement the agreement on the ground. It will be of crucial importance Prime Minister that Serbia maintains and deepens this dialogue all along the way.</p>	00:00:36
00:01:37	Cutaway of the audience	00:00:04
00:01:41	<p>Soundbite by José Manuel Barroso (in ENGLISH): Of course vital reforms in many areas will have to be sustained and deepened overtime, most notably regarding the rule of law which is absolutely</p>	00:00:35

	<p>...which is absolutely essential; progress in normalisation of relations with Kosovo will also need to continue steadily; and today Prime Minister in a very open and friendly conversation assured me of his complete commitment to this task and the accession negotiations, once open will give us ample instruments to monitor such progress and anchor Serbia's efforts to produce lasting results.</p>	
00:02:16	General view of the speakers	00:00:03
00:02:19	<p>Soundbite by Ivica Dačić (in SERBIAN) saying that he would like to sincerely thank the European Commission for recommending to the European Council and Member States to open negotiations for the membership of Serbia in the EU. Serbia has done a lot in the fields of internal reforms and within the progress in the dialogue with Pristina.</p>	00:00:32
00:02:51	Cutaway of a cameraman	00:00:04
00:02:55	<p>Soundbite by Ivica Dačić (in SERBIAN) saying that they expect this historic decision that should be made the day after tomorrow and that will bring good news for Serbs and Serbia. It is an historical day for Serbia and it is an historical day for the EU as well because Serbia in the EU is a factor of stability.</p>	00:00:27

00:03:22	Cutaway of the speakers	00:00:04
00:03:26	Soundbite by Ivica Dačić (in SERBIAN) saying that the Serbian government will do everything not to make the negotiators wait too long just as they have approached a series of dialogue with Pristina and the reforms. Their target and their interest is not to loose time any longer.	00:00:22
00:03:48	José Manuel Barroso and Ivica Dačić shaking hands and leaving the press room	00:00:08