

ETHNIC CONFLICT IN KOSOVO

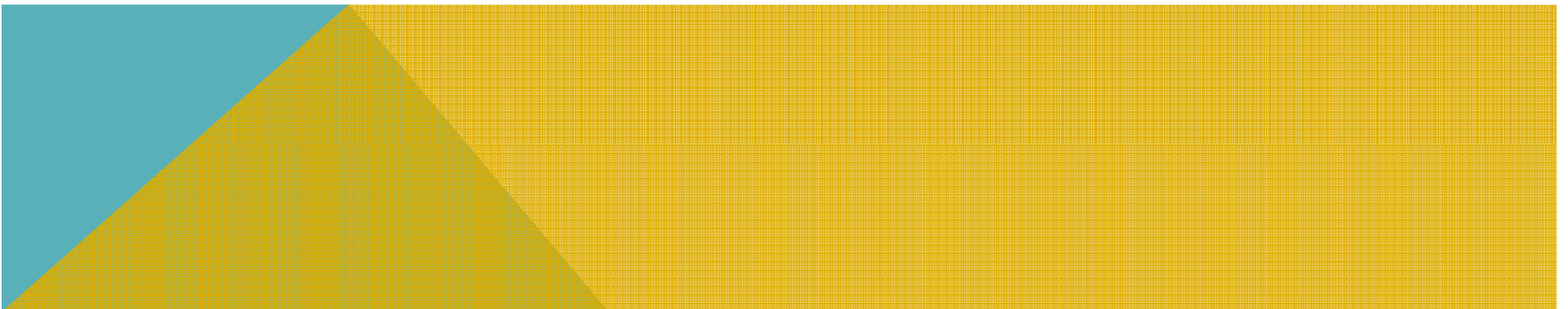
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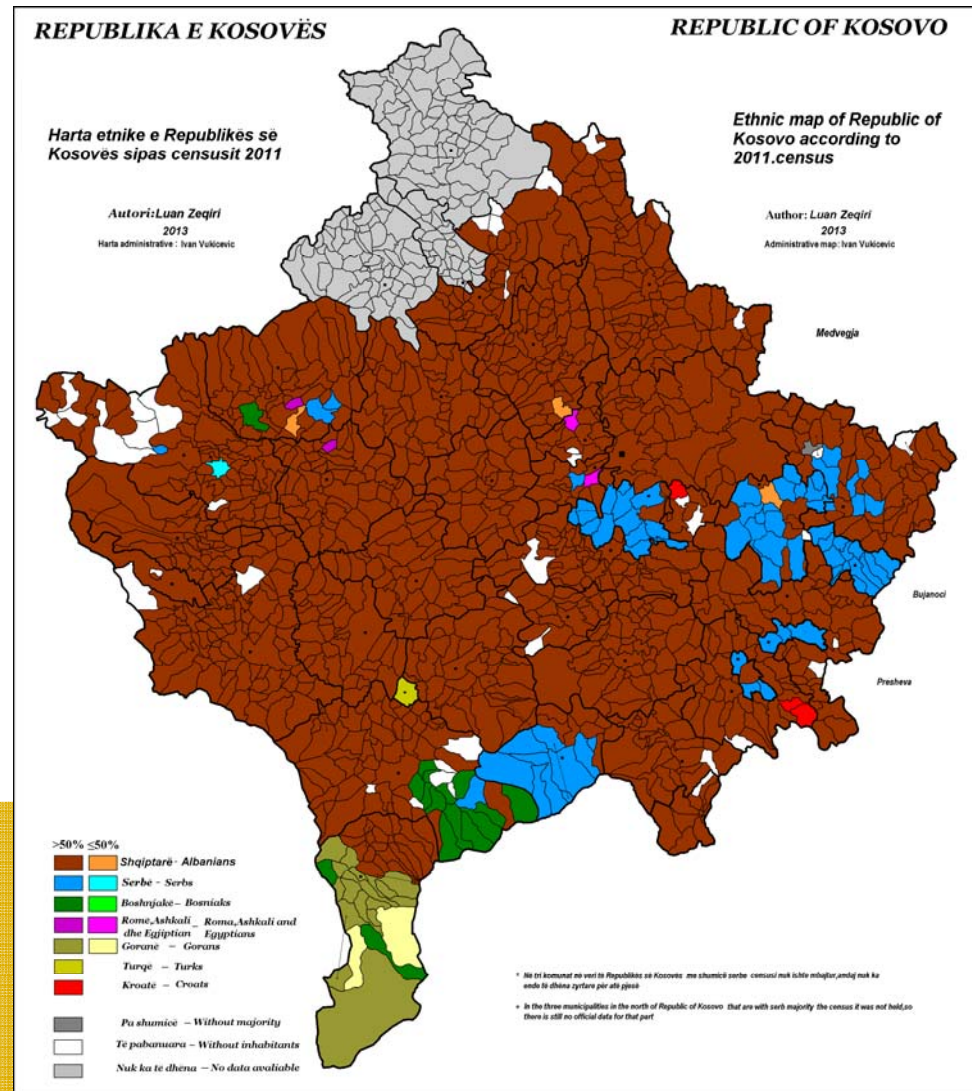
OBJECTIVES

- To prevent further conflict in Kosovo between ethnic Albanians and Serbs
- To support the sustainability of Kosovo's Serb communities



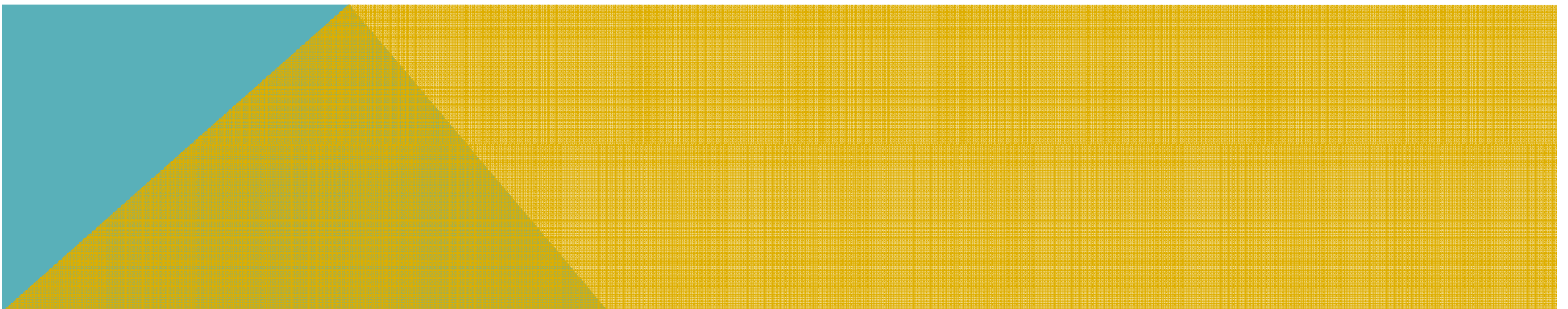
CONTEXT OF THE CONFLICT

- History
- Kosovo War (1998-1999)
- Declaration of Independence in 2008

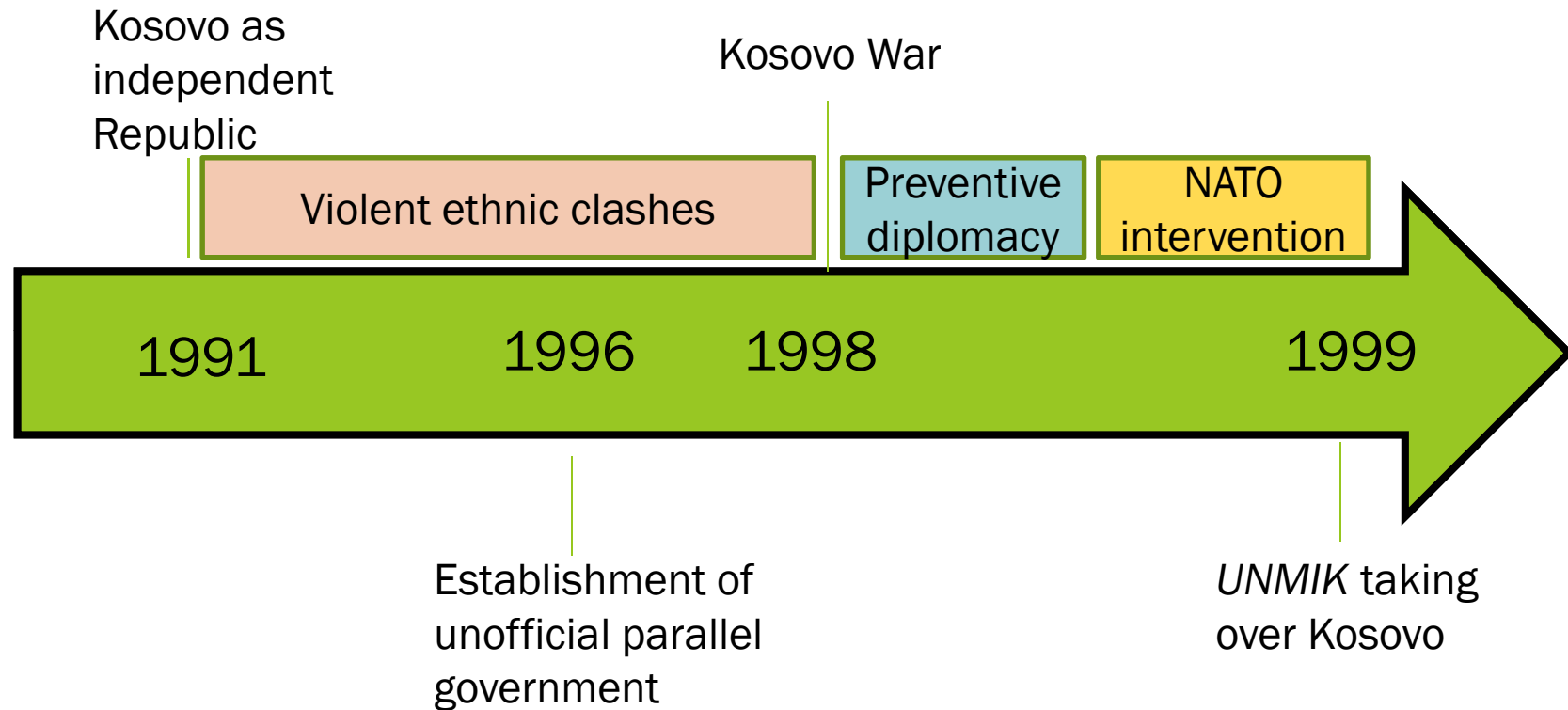


CAUSES

- Historical enmities between Serbs and Albanians
- Manipulative leader and ripe conditions for ethnic conflict



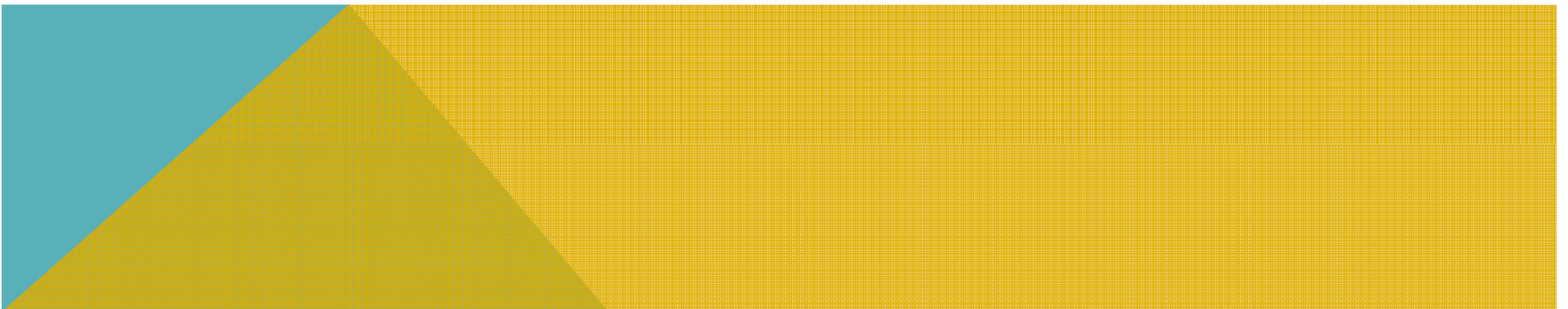
CONSEQUENCES & IMPACT



- 860,000 ethnic Albanians driven out of Kosovo
- 590,000 Kosovar Albanians internally displaced
- 576 Serb soldiers killed
- Many Serbs fled Kosovo
- Thousand of civilian casualties and seriously injured

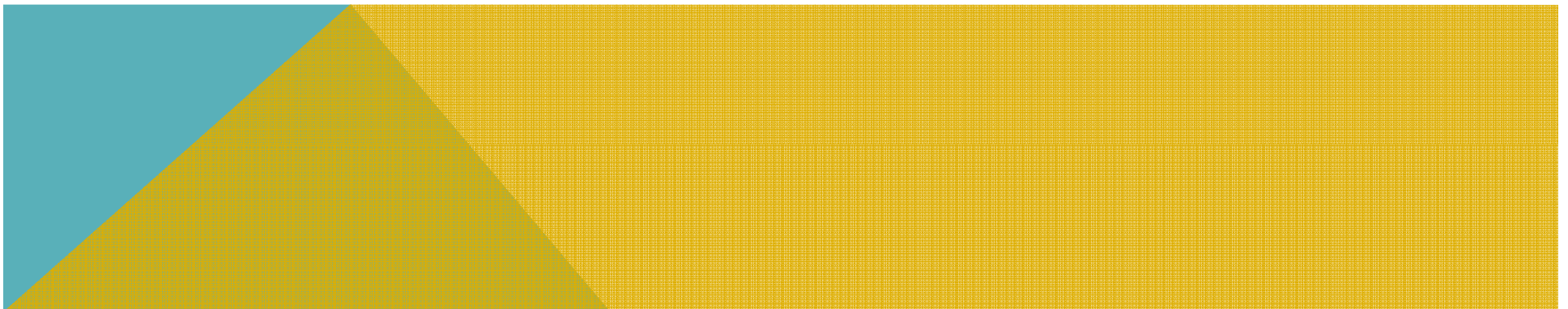
CANADIAN IMPLICATION

- Recognition of Kosovo's independence sets the stage for other movement
- Quebec Separatists



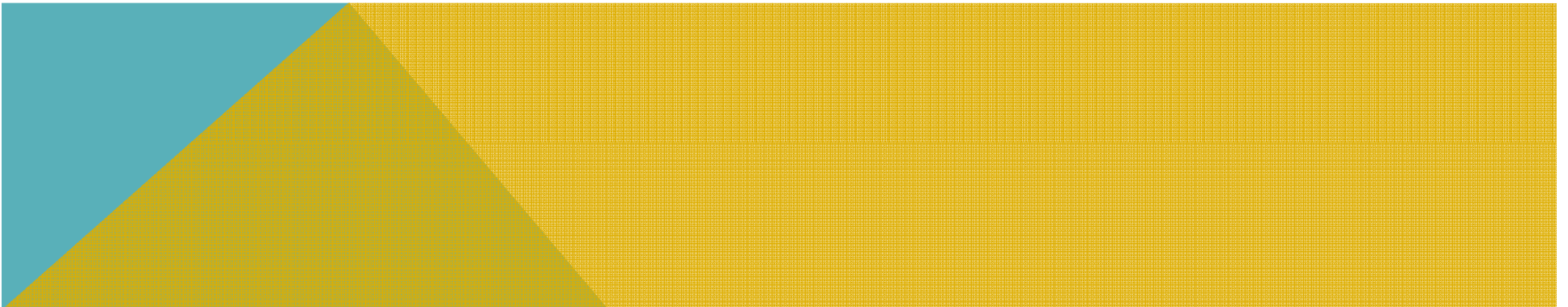
THE AHTISAARI PLAN

- Designed to guarantee minority rights
- Given priority over domestic law
- Remains the only framework for peace in Kosovo

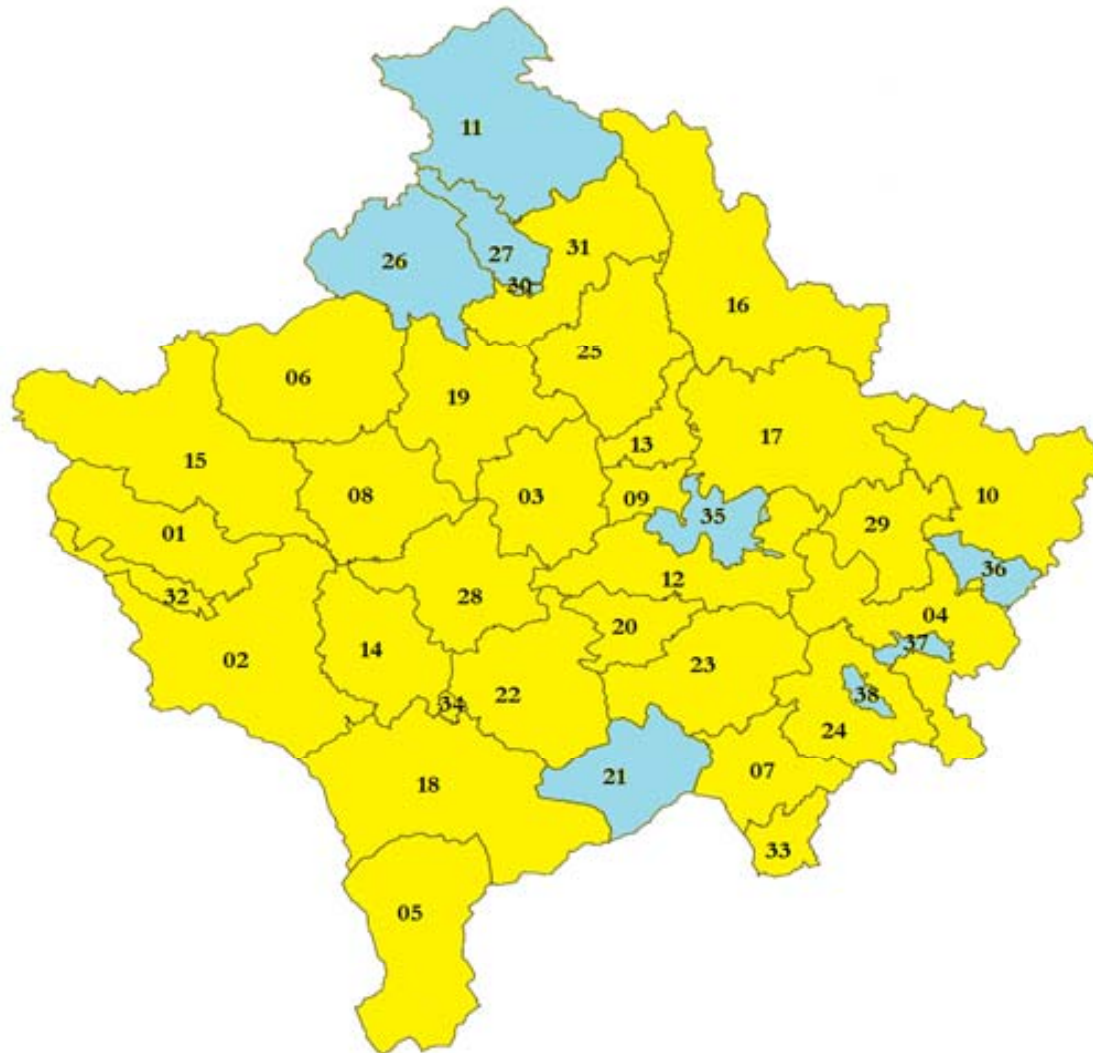


IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES

- Limited to area of Pristina's authority; Serb parallel institutions operate independently of Pristina
- Serb political participation remains minimal



MUNICIPALITIES OF KOSOVO



POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Encourage Serb participation in Kosovo's institutions
- Establish timelines for Serbian institutional transfers
- Affirm Canada's commitment to a united, multi-ethnic Kosovo

