

Yugoslavia
LDPA

CONFIDENTIAL


NOTE TO MR. DE SOTO

Kosovo



1. As indicated to you, the Secretary-General would like you to hold meetings of the Working Group daily, until further notice.
2. We already have discussed the membership of the Working Group and its guiding elements. The media is replete with reports and analyses, so a daily summary of events is not required. You may however, extract any special issues or trends that you consider merit the Secretary-General's attention.
3. It is more important that the Working Group develop recommendations for possible alternative courses of action by the Secretary-General. Any proposals must be specific, politically realistic and practically feasible, indicating options with pros and cons.
4. The Secretary-General would prefer to make statements only when they are meaningful and could have an impact. While maintaining impartiality, he will not hesitate to take positions based on moral, human rights or humanitarian concerns, pointing to one of the parties involved where this is deserved and justified by sufficient evidence, including credible reports. (The Secretary-General's statement to the Commission on Human Rights may be seen as an indicator.)
5. I would be grateful to receive a note not exceeding one page (except when substantively justified) after each daily meeting.

Thank you.


S. Iqbal Riza
8 April 1999