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THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL  
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17 March 1999

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 12 March 1999 concerning your intention to appoint Colonel Detlef Buwitt of Germany as Commissioner of the International Police Task Force (IPTF) has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They take note of the intention contained in your letter.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Qin Huasun  
President of the Security Council

His Excellency  
Mr. Kofi Annan  
Secretary-General



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

12 March 1999

Dear Mr. President,

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1174 (1998) of 15 June 1998, which extended the mandate of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH) for a period terminating on 21 June 1999.

As you are aware, Mr. Richard Monk (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) has been serving as Commissioner of UNMIBH's International Police Task Force (IPTF) since 2 March 1998. Mr. Monk, who has performed his duties with exemplary professionalism and dedication at a critical period in the United Nations involvement in Bosnia and Herzegovina, has informed me of his intention to return to the service of his Government at the end of his tour of duty. To succeed him, it is my intention to appoint Colonel Detlef Buwitt (Germany) as Commissioner of the IPTF. The Government of Germany has informed me that Colonel Buwitt will be promoted to Brigadier-General upon his appointment to this post.

I should be grateful if you could bring the above to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Annan', written in a cursive style.

Kofi A. Annan

His Excellency  
Mr. Qin Huasun  
President of the Security Council  
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