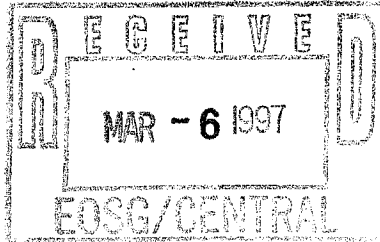




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Dear Mr. President,

I have the honour to refer to resolution 1097 (1997) adopted by the Security Council on 18 February 1997 which endorsed the five-point peace plan for eastern Zaire set out in my letter of the same date.

The joint United Nations/Organization of African Unity Special Representative for the Great Lakes region, Mr. Mohamed Sahnoun, has just informed me that His Excellency, Mr. Gérard Kamanda wa Kamanda, Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Zaire, had issued a statement in Paris formally declaring his Government's acceptance of the United Nations peace plan.

I have the pleasure to enclose a copy of that statement which I should be grateful if you would bring to the attention of the members of the Security Council. It is my fervent hope that all the other parties will declare without delay their adherence to the peace plan so that we can turn our collective attention to the pressing task of devising the practical modalities for its implementation.

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

• Kofi A. Annan

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