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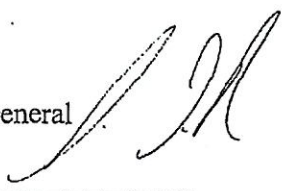
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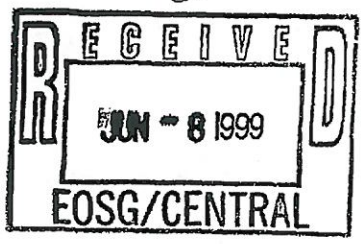
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Dear Mr. Ambassador,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if the attached memorandum from him is transmitted to your government with a request that it receive attention in the G-8 discussions on the draft resolution of the Security Council for the implementation of the agreement reached in Belgrade by President Ahtisaari and Mr. Chernomyrdin with the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Also attached is a text of a letter received today from the FRY Government, which will be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

These documents are being transmitted also to the other members of the G-8.

With assurances of my highest consideration.

  
S. Iqbal Riza  
Chef de Cabinet

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1. PR of Canada
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Memorandum from the Secretary-General of the United Nations

1. Following the acceptance by the Belgrade authorities of the proposals on Kosovo conveyed to them by President Ahtisaari and Mr. Chernomyrdin, I understand that efforts are underway to prepare a draft resolution for rapid consideration by the Security Council, reflecting the terms of the settlement and putting in place arrangements for implementation. I believe this to be of the highest importance in order to form a sound basis in international law for what is proposed, create the conditions for the safe return to their homes of the refugees and displaced persons and establish a framework for lasting peace, coexistence and reconciliation in the region.
2. I wish in this regard to draw attention to certain concerns that have been on my mind since the beginning of the crisis. These concerns have guided the many weeks of planning in the United Nations for a possible role for the organization and the UN System as a whole.
3. My first concern is that the international community act as far as possible as one in whatever arrangements are made. I mean by this not only the United Nations and its agencies and programmes, but also other non-UN bodies including in particular the European institutions. I consider it essential to avoid duplication and competition and to harmonize the action of the many actors.
4. I am not pronouncing on the international military presence, whose precise composition, as I understand it, is still under consideration. I do wish to say, however, that in order to ensure harmonious action, overall responsibility for civilian operations should be clearly and unequivocally allocated to a single institution with the specific responsibility of working with all other bodies involved so that the operations will be conducted in an integrated manner. I very much hope that the Security Council will make provision for this. Those drafting the proposal for consideration in the Council may wish to bear this preoccupation in mind.
5. A second concern is that the civilian and security components of the international presence should be directed by the Security Council to operate toward the same goals and in a mutually supportive manner. I cannot over-emphasize the importance of this, in particular during the initial stages in which the various activities will need to interact very closely.
6. A third concern is putting in place a political process towards the establishment of an interim political framework agreement, and negotiations between the parties for a settlement. In this context, consideration should be given to the need for the two processes - i.e. this negotiation and the implementation of agreements on the ground in Kosovo - to work in harmony.
7. I very much hope that these concerns can be borne in mind as the resolution of the Security Council is finalized.

5 June 1999