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LETTER DATED 22 JUNE 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES
OF FRANCE, SPAIN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We have the honour to bring to your attention the text, in English and in French, of the Declaration on Bosnia and Herzegovina adopted by the European Council at Copenhagen on 22 June 1993.

We would be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

[Original: English and French]

European Council Declaration on Bosnia-Herzegovina
(Copenhagen, 22 June 1993)

The European Council reviewed the extremely grave situation in the former Yugoslavia and the latest negotiations between the parties to the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina on the basis of a report by Lord Owen to Ministers.

The European Council expresses its full confidence in the Co-Chairmen of the steering committee of the International Conference on Former Yugoslavia and encourages them to pursue their efforts to promote a fair and viable settlement acceptable to all three constituent peoples of Bosnia-Herzegovina. It will not accept a territorial solution dictated by the Serbs and Croats at the expense of the Bosnian Muslims.

The European Council reaffirms its conviction that a negotiated settlement has to be based on the principles of the London Conference, reflected in the Vance/Owen peace plan, particularly the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Bosnia-Herzegovina, the protection of human rights and the rights of minorities. The inadmissibility of acquisition of territory by force, the vital need for humanitarian aid to be provided and reach those in need, the prosecution of war crimes and breaches of international humanitarian law.

The European Council supports the Bosnian Government's call for an immediate cease-fire. It reaffirms the need for wider international support for humanitarian aid and for guaranteed safe passage of convoys.

Speedy implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions on safe areas is an indispensable contribution to the implementation of the objectives mentioned above. The European Council decided to respond positively to the request of the United Nations Secretary-General for men and money. It urged member States to comply with that request within their abilities. At the same time, it appeals to other members of the international community to do likewise.

Sanctions will remain in place and will be tightened until conditions for their lifting set by the United Nations and the European Community have been met. The Community and its member States will contribute further resources to their strict enforcement.
