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**NOTE VERBALE DATED 4 FEBRUARY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT
MISSION OF FINLAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**

The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to inform him, with reference to his note SCPC/2/92(1) of 28 January 1992 and Security Council resolution 733 (1992) in pursuance of which all States are requested to report to him on the measures they have instituted for meeting the decision in paragraph 5 and the requests made in paragraphs 6 and 9 of said resolution, of the following:

Export of arms and military equipment from Finland is restricted and controlled by legislative acts as explained in the note verbale dated 6 January 1992 from the Permanent Mission of Finland to the Secretary-General (subsequently published as document S/23377). In addition to the legislation already in force, the Finnish Government will issue a Decree on the enforcement of obligations arising from resolution 733 (1992). The Decree is intended to enter into force on 12 February 1992.

Finland supports all efforts to promote a process of reconciliation and political settlement in Somalia. According to her well-known principles, Finland refrains from any action which might lead to increasing tension and to impeding or delaying a peaceful and negotiated outcome to the conflict in Somalia.

In 1991, the region of the Horn of Africa was one of the main recipients of Finnish humanitarian assistance. Somalia alone received FIM 14.4 million, of which 5.3 million was channelled through the World Food Programme (WFP) and 9.1 million through the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). In 1992, Finland has so far contributed FIM 6 million to the ICRC Programme in Somalia.

