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The Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to provide the following information pursuant to paragraph 12 of Security Council resolution 757 (1992) of 30 May 1992, which requested all States to report to the Secretary-General by 22 June 1992 on the measures that they had instituted for meeting the obligations set out in paragraphs 4 to 9 of Security Council resolution 757 (1992).

Australian implementation of Security Council resolution 757 (1992) was instituted on the basis of regulatory powers pursuant to relevant existing Acts of Parliament. In conformity with the terms of resolution 757 (1992), the following specific measures were implemented:

Implementation of paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 757 (1992) was effected by amendments to the Customs (Prohibited Exports) and Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations. These regulations, which became operative on 2 June 1992, prohibit:

(a) All exports of goods to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro);

(b) All imports of goods (being goods exported after 30 May 1992 from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)).

These prohibitions are subject to the power of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade (or an authorized delegate) to exempt goods from the operation of these regulations, keeping in mind Australia's international obligations, in particular the terms of Security Council resolution 757 (1992). Accordingly, this would allow the export of medical supplies or foodstuffs in accordance with the terms of paragraph 4 (c) of Security Council resolution 757 (1992).

In accordance with the terms of paragraph 4 (b) of Security Council resolution 757 (1992), on 1 June 1992, the Australian Government has closed

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the Australian Trade Commission (AUSTRADE) office in Belgrade and recalled all Australian nationals employed in that office.

Amendments to the Air Navigation Regulations, effective as of 2 June 1992, imposed an air embargo on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) in accordance with the terms of paragraph 7 of Security Council resolution 757 (1992). The relevant local civil aviation authorities were duly informed of the terms of these regulations and a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) was issued. In addition:

(a) Representatives of the designated carrier of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), JAT Yugoslavia Airlines, were informed that, by virtue of Security Council resolution 757 (1992), the Australian Government considered that the 1975 Bilateral Air Services Agreement has become inoperative. Accordingly, the licence which granted JAT landing rights in Australia was suspended on 2 June 1992;

(b) Relevant administrative authorities have verified that none of the activities referred to in paragraph 7 (b) of the resolution are taking place in Australia. In addition, the Australian Insurance and Superannuation Commission has advised all Australian insurers of the terms of paragraph 7 (b) of Security Council resolution 737 (1992), and has sought their support for Australian implementation of this resolution.

Directions by the Australian Treasurer to the Reserve Bank of Australia were given on 4 June 1992 pursuant to the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations, as a result of which the flow of financial funds to persons or bodies located in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) is now prohibited. These measures implement the terms of paragraphs 4 (b) and 5 of Security Council resolution 757 (1992). In particular, these measures have the effect that:

(a) All foreign exchange transactions with the autorities in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), their agencies or their nationals,

(b) Payments to or from accounts in Australia of the authorities in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), their agencies or their nationals who are not residents of Australia,

(c) The taking or sending out of Australia of Australian currency by, or on behalf of, the authorities in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), their agencies or their nationals,

are prohibited without the specific approval of the Reserve Bank of Australia. Such approval may be granted on a case-by-case basis for strictly medical or humanitarian purposes in accordance with Australia's obligations under Security Council resolution 757 (1992). These prohibitions do not apply to the normal domestic transactions of Yugoslavian (Serbian and Montenegrin) individuals resident in Australia nor to normal financial activities of the

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diplomatic missions of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) in Australia.

In addition, the Australian Government has suspended payments of Australian pensions to persons located in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) as required by paragraph 5 of Security Council resolution 757 (1992).

The Migration (Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) - United Nations Security Council Resolutions) Regulations came into effect on 5 June 1992. These regulations implement the terms of paragraphs 4 (b) and (c) and 8 (b) and (c) of Security Council resolution 757 (1992), by prohibiting the grant of visas or entry permits to individuals who, it is considered, will engage, or are likely to engage, in any activity that:

(a) Involves the sale or supply of any commodity or product to any person or organization in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) or to any person or organization, whether in Australia or overseas, for the purposes of any business carried on or in, or operated from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro);

(b) Promotes or is calculated to promote, a sale or supply of that kind set out in subparagraph (a) above;

(c) Involves scientific or technical cooperation with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro);

 (d) Is a cultural exchange or visit involving persons who are officially sponsored by or who are representing the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro);

(e) Is a sporting event in which the individual represents or intends to represent the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro).

On 5 June 1992, the Australian Government, in accordance with paragraph 8 (a) of Security Council Resolution 757 (1992), requested that two members of the relevant diplomatic and consular missions be withdrawn from Australia by 19 June 1992.

Further to implementing the terms of Security Council resolution 757 (1992), the Australian Sports Commission has informed all national sporting bodies of the terms of paragraph 8 (b) of Security Council resolution 757 (1992), and has advised them to discourage their members from engaging in any sporting competitions with Serbian or Montenegrin representative teams for as long as Security Council resolution 757 (1992) remains in effect.
