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在世界任何地区人权和基本自由 遭受侵犯的问题

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1999年4月5日致人权委员会主席的信

谨此转交南斯拉夫联盟共和国联盟外交部长日瓦丁·约万诺维奇阁下致教科文组织总干事费德里科·马约尔先生的一封信。* 请将此信作为人权委员会第五十五届会议议程项目 9 之下的正式文件分发。

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Belgrade, 3 April 1999

Mr. Director-General,

With reference to your letter of 2 April 1999, I should like to inform you of further escalation in bombing the territory of the FR of Yugoslavia by NATO aggressors.

The aggressor air forces increasingly and more extensively bomb civilian targets - cities and villages, infrastructure. As I have already informed you, particularly endangered are cultural monuments across the Yugoslav territory.

The latest example of this barbaric act is the destruction of a bridge on the Danube, which connected Novi Sad with Petrovaradin. I would like to draw your attention to the fact that this bridge has a particular place in cultural-historical heritage of Yugoslavia and Europe and is under State protection. In April 1942, Nazis shot and threw in the river thousands of arrested civilians, primarily Jews and Serbs from that bridge.

In the immediate vicinity of the Bridge of Sorrow, there is a Square of the Victims of Fascism, with the monument containing the names of killed Serbs and Jews, symbolizing the unity of multi-ethnic Vojvodina in the fight against the Fascist occupier.

Unfortunately, today these sacrosanct symbols of history and culture not only of Yugoslavia but of entire Europe as well, have been lastingly scarred by the barbaric aggression of USA and NATO, contrary to all civilizational norms. The destruction of the bridge has left 600.000 residents without water, and the navigation along this international waterway has been discontinued.

I again call upon you to raise your voice so that UNESCO may engage that his senseless aggression by NATO he immediately stopped, threatening with its barbaric nature the holiest values of European culture and historical heritage.

Please accept, Mr. General Director, the assurances of my high consideration.

Zivadin Jovanovic
(signed)

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