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ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I wish to report to you and through you to the members of the Security Council on developments relating to the destruction of the arms and equipment which, in accordance with the provisions of the Peace Accords for El Salvador, were deposited by the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN) in previously designated locations and placed under the supervision of ONUSAL.

It will be recalled that in my report to the Security Council of 23 December 1992 (S/25006) I indicated that the armed conflict between the Government of El Salvador and the FMLN had been brought formally to an end on 15 December in accordance with the adjustment in the timetable which the two sides had agreed on the basis of my proposal of 23 October 1992. The destruction by the FMLN of its arms inventory was to have been completed on 15 December, except for certain categories of weapons which would take longer to destroy for technical reasons.

Towards the end of December the FMLN suspended the process of destruction of its remaining arms and equipment. After repeated requests for compliance by the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL), my Special Representative informed the FMLN leadership that, should the FMLN fail to take action to resume the process, alternative ways to ensure compliance would have to be put into effect.

On 21 January 1993, my Special Representative informed me that, at a meeting the previous day, the FMLN had undertaken to resume the destruction of its arms and equipment on 22 January and to complete it by 29 January. Although the process did resume on the date indicated, I regret to have to report to the Security Council that the FMLN, despite prior assurances, did not complete the destruction of its weapons by the agreed deadline and that it is therefore not yet in compliance with its undertakings under the Peace Accords.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI