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LETTER DATED 11 MARCH 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL

Resolution 900 (1994) adopted by the Security Council on Friday, 4 March 1994 requested that your offices look into the feasibility of extending the "Safe Area" concept to Maglaj, Mostar and Vitez. The situation in Mostar and Vitez has improved dramatically due to the successful implementation of the cease-fire outlined in the Bosnian-Croat agreement signed on 3 March 1994.

However, the situation for the nineteen thousand civilians in Maglaj has deteriorated. The Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina considers it imperative that Maglaj be declared a "Safe Area". If Maglaj is not declared a "Safe Area", the Serbian forces will construe this act as a green light by the world community to their genocidal activities in Maglaj and the rest of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

We believe that the last few weeks have proven that the only way to deal with the Serbian aggressor is to show it the resolve of the world community. If the tragedy of Maglaj is prevented, the current momentum towards peace will receive the reinforcement it needs to establish peace throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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