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COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN MILITARY FORCES FROM THE
TERRITORIES OF THE BALTIC STATES

Letter dated 29 July 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a declaration by the European Union on Baltic-Russian relations, issued on 29 July 1994 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 26 of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Gerhard HENZE

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ANNEX

[Original: English and French]

Declaration on Baltic-Russian relations issued on 29 July 1994
on behalf of the European Union by its Presidency

The European Union welcomes the agreement reached by President Meri and President Yeltsin to the effect that the Russian forces will be withdrawn from Estonia with effect from 31 August 1994 in fulfilment of the obligation expressed in paragraph 15 of the declaration adopted at the summit meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) held at Helsinki on 9 and 10 July 1992.

It also welcomes the adoption of a nationality law by the Latvian Parliament last week. The Union considers this law to be a good basis for progress in the integration of ethnic minorities and the development of inter-community relations in Latvia. The Union welcomes that the law takes account of the recommendations of CSCE and the Council of Europe and of appeals from the Union.

Both are major events in the history of the independent Baltic States. They will help considerably to strengthen the foundations for future-oriented cooperation among the nations of North-Eastern Europe in a spirit of mutual confidence. They are thus also a contribution to security and stability in Europe as a whole. The Union especially appreciates the efforts which the countries concerned have made in the last few days to achieve these results. They mark the attainment of major goals which the International Community has been pursuing intensively for some considerable time. The Union is confident that this latest development, which also represents a valuable contribution to the Union's initiative for a stability pact for Europe, will provide a viable basis for further progress in all areas of Russo-Baltic relations.

The acceding countries Austria, Finland and Sweden associate themselves with this statement.
