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THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I am writing to you concerning the Presidential Statement of 3 March 1993 on behalf of the Security Council and the letter of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, addressed to the Secretary-General of 2 March 1993, that was distributed to the members of the Council.

In the course of consideration of the situation in eastern Bosnia, particularly in the town of Cerska, the widely known fact that the Muslim forces have been on the offensive for the past two months, has been completely disregarded. On the other hand, the Serbs and Serbian forces have again been unjustly condemned on the basis of unconfirmed and unsubstantiated reports and accounts of massacres, killings of innocent civilians and atrocities.

The statement of General P. Morillon, UNPROFOR Commander in Bosnia and Herzegovina of 7 March 1993, after his visit to Cerska, that he saw no evidence of the massacres or gross human rights violations, once again testifies to the inadmissibility of passing judgements solely on the basis of arbitrary accounts and unconfirmed media reports. Such practice jeopardizes the very principles and goals for the attainment of peace and protection of human rights.

We strongly feel that the Security Council should only take facts as a basis of an objective and impartial evaluation of the events in the territory of the former Yugoslavia.

Nevertheless, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia will, within its possibilities, continue to make constant contributions to efforts with a view to achieving a political solution based on the agreement of, and the respect for the interests of, all three peoples in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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