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LETTER DATED 3 MARCH 1995 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I should like to refer to paragraph 3 of Security Council resolution 968 (1994) and to the letter to me from the President of the Council dated 6 February 1995 (S/1995/109) by which the Council endorsed my recommendation concerning the continuation of UNMOT's presence in Tajikistan until 6 March 1995.

In order to keep the peace process on track, I asked Under-Secretary-General Aldo Ajello to undertake consultations with officials of the Russian Federation, the Government of Tajikistan and the Tajik opposition with a view to resolving the issues of the venue, date and agenda for the fourth round of inter-Tajik talks and to obtaining agreement to the extension of the cease-fire agreement. He began his consultations in Moscow from 24 to 27 February, in Dushanbe from 28 February to 1 March and in Islamabad from 2 to 4 March.

As a result of his negotiations thus far, Mr. Ajello has been able to achieve agreement on the extension of the cease-fire agreement until 26 April 1995. I have asked him to continue his current mission in an effort to resolve the remaining difficulties in arranging the fourth round of talks. I will revert to the Council at the conclusion of Mr. Ajello's mission.

In view, however, of the agreement of the parties to continue the cease-fire, I recommend now that UNMOT's presence in Tajikistan be continued until 26 April 1995, on the basis of the mandate contained in resolution 968 (1994).

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI
