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LETTER DATED 16 FEBRUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

My Government is increasingly concerned about the implementation of Security Council resolutions 824 (1993) of 6 May 1993 and 836 (1993) of 4 June 1993 and the effectuation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) ultimatum with respect to the control and/or withdrawal of Serbian heavy weaponry. We have agreed, as a gesture of good will, to withdraw or place under United Nations control our heavy weapons in Sarajevo, even though explicitly exempted from doing so under the terms of resolutions 824 (1993) and 836 (1993). At the same time, it is becoming increasingly apparent that the Serbians are being afforded a definition of "control" and "withdrawal" that is so permissive as to be inconsistent with the terms of the aforementioned resolutions, the NATO ultimatum and the cease-fire agreement signed at Sarajevo airport on 9 February 1994.

This permissive and invalid definition of resolutions 824 (1993) and 836 (1993), combined with the interjection of United Nations forces along existing confrontation lines and with no further effort by the United Nations command in Bosnia to take control from Serbian forces of certain strategic placements, including key communications, transportation, water and electricity areas, may have the unwitting effect of solidifying the unacceptable status quo and institutionalizing the siege of Sarajevo with most of its negative humanitarian, military and political consequences. We believe that the international community would like to avoid these consequences, and we urge the Security Council to take note and ensure that resolutions 824 (1993) and 836 (1993) be effectively implemented and that the siege of Sarajevo be truly lifted.

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

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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