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LETTER DATED 14 AUGUST 1995 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF  
THE PERMANENT MISSION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED  
NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter dated today, from  
my Minister of Foreign Affairs, addressed to Your Excellency.

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

(Signed) Ivan Z. MISIC  
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

Letter dated 14 August 1995 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the  
Security Council

The Muslim, Croat, Gypsy and other non-Serb civilians from the Banja Luka region are under direct threat from the Serbian occupation forces therein. The urgency of their plight has risen dramatically over the last few days as a consequence of collective revenge actions, and innocent civilians are being murdered, placed in concentration camps (there is some information that Manjaca, Keraterm and Mali Iogor concentration camps are operating) and driven from their homes. The total number of people in danger is up to 60,000.

We request that the Security Council direct specific measures to prevent these wholesale human rights abuses and a new tragedy by the following measures including: heightening the presence of United Nations mandated and other organizations that can minimize suffering and human rights abuses; asking for the appointment of a new Special Rapporteur and a report from the Rapporteur's office regarding the situation; and reiterating in the most direct terms the personal responsibility of the so-called Bosnian Serb authorities for violations of human rights, the Geneva and Genocide Conventions.

The recent tragedy of Srebrenica and Zepa, and the clear evidence of mass murders and other horrendous abuses there have placed the Security Council on notice to the dangers in Banja Luka as well. In this instance, in view of the forewarning, mere condemnation and indictments after the fact will not be an adequate response and consistent with the Security Council's obligations.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY  
Minister

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