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NOTE VERBALE DATED 15 JUNE 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ITALY AS CURRENT WESTERN GROUP COORDINATOR ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING A LETTER FROM THE FORMER WESTERN GROUP COORDINATOR ON BEHALF OF THE WESTERN GROUP CONCERNING THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC'S APPLICATION FOR CD MEMBERSHIP

The Permanent Mission of Italy to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Conference and - on behalf of the Group of Western Countries - has the honour to forward a letter addressed to the former CD President, Ambassador D.D.C. Don Nanjira, from the former Western Group Coordinator, Ambassador Stephen Ledogar, concerning the Slovak Republic's application for CD membership.

The Permanent Mission of Italy would be grateful if the secretariat would take the appropriate steps to issue the above letter as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and distribute it to delegations of all member States of the Conference and non-member States of the Conference participating in its work.

UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT

Geneva, Switzerland

OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

7 June 1995

Dear Ambassador Don Nanjira,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Western Group of the Conference on Disarmament to inform you that the Group supports and endorses the Slovak Republic's application for CD membership.

The Western Group shares the view expressed by the Eastern Group in CD Document 1303 of 30 March 1995, that Slovakia's membership application has wide support within the CD and that Slovakia presents a unique case that is unrelated to the question of CD Membership Expansion.

On behalf of the Western Group, I request that the Slovak Republic's membership application, which has been before the CD for a considerable length of time, be decided without further delay.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Ledogar
Ambassador
Western Group Coordinator

Ambassador Dr. D.D.C. Don Nanjira
President of the Conference on Disarmament
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Geneva