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LETTER DATED 13 JUNE 1996 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to resolution 1021 (1995) which was adopted by the Security Council on 22 November 1995 concerning the embargo on deliveries of weapons and military equipment imposed by resolution 713 (1991).

It will be recalled that operative paragraph 2 of resolution 1021 (1995) requested me to prepare in a timely way, and to submit to the Council, the reports referred to in its paragraph 1. Those reports included a report on implementation of Annex 1B (Agreement of Regional Stabilization) of the Dayton Peace Agreement, which was to be submitted after the 180th day following my submission of a report that the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia had formally signed the Dayton Peace Agreement.

The 180th day fell on 11 June 1996. I accordingly drew the attention of the Permanent Observer of Switzerland, in his capacity as Representative of the Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), to my reporting obligations under resolution 1021 (1995) and asked to be provided with any relevant information.

I now have the honour to convey the attached communication dated 11 June 1996 which I have received from the Representative of the Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE and which describes progress achieved in implementing Article 2 of Annex 1B of the Dayton Agreement. I shall convey to the Security Council such further information as may be received from the Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter and its enclosures to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

Annex

Letter dated 11 June 1996 from the Representative of the
Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and
Cooperation in Europe addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward to you the attached "Progress Report on the Implementation of Article 2 of Annex 1-B of the Dayton Accord", issued by Ambassador Mårton Krasznai of the Republic of Hungary, Personal Representative of the Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE, Federal Councillor Flavio Cotti, Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs.

(Signed) Johannes J. MANZ
Ambassador
Representative of the Chairman-in-Office
of the OSCE

Enclosure

Progress Report on the Implementation of Article II of
Annex 1-B of the Dayton Accord

The overall state of implementation of the Agreement on Confidence and Security-building Measures signed 26 January 1996 under the provisions of the Agreement on Regional Stabilization (Article 2 of Annex 1-B of the Dayton Accord) is satisfactory. The ability of the Parties to implement the Agreement has been improving gradually. On the other hand, due to a high degree of suspicion which remains between the Federation and the Republika Srpska and a somewhat chaotic demobilization process, implementation of some provisions of the Agreement needs to be improved.

Exchange of military information took place on February 15. This information was updated in early May. A new information exchange is going to take place on June 15. Information provided so far was incomplete but the quality of the latest set of data has improved somewhat.

Altogether 16 inspections have taken place under OSCE auspices and leadership and some others will follow. The Parties have acquired a good deal of experience in conducting and receiving inspections and the atmosphere of inspections has generally been satisfactory.

A hotline between headquarters is expected to be operational by the end of this week. The Parties have not yet complied with the provision of the Agreement on accrediting military liaison missions to each others' headquarters, however the regular meetings of the Military Liaison Mission in Sarajevo with the participation of the three Parties and the OSCE Mission fulfill this role partially.

The Parties have fully complied with a number of important provisions of the Agreement, among others constraining measures, restrictions on military deployment and notification of disbandment of special operations and armed civilian groups. They have formally or partially complied with a number of measures, like the restraints on re-introduction of foreign forces or identification of weapons production facilities. A number of confidence building measures offered by the Agreement have not yet been used due to objective circumstances - like the observation of exercises of airbase visits.

The OSCE - through the regular meetings of the Joint Consultative Commission, the Military Liaison Mission and the OSCE Mission in Sarajevo provides continuing assistance to the Parties in implementing the Agreement.
