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LETTER DATED 15 NOVEMBER 1999 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I.  
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I am writing to convey the commiseration of the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia over the crash of the United Nations plane in Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia.

The cause of the crash will be established by investigation, but it should be pointed out that, regrettably, flights to Kosovo and Metohija are operated in violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia contrary to Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999 and, specifically, in disregard for air traffic norms and regulations for the implementation of which the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is responsible under relevant international agreements.

In recalling that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has, on a number of occasions, called for its sovereign rights to be respected in its entire air space, the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia requests the United Nations civil and security presences in Kosovo and Metohija to bring their flight operations into accord with the international air traffic obligations and competencies of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIĆ  
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