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**SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT EXPRESSES 'DEEP CONCERN AND OUTRAGE' OF MEMBERS
AT INCREASING ATTACKS AGAINST UN PERSONNEL IN PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS**

**Abduction of Personnel 'Totally Unacceptable'; Members Demand
Immediate and Unconditional Release of UNTAC and UNPROFOR Persons Concerned**

The President of the Security Council, Chinmaya Rajaninath Gharekhan (India), made the following statement to the press this evening, following consultations with Council members:

The members of the Security Council wish to express their deep concern and outrage about the increasing number of attacks against United Nations personnel serving in various peace-keeping operations.

A number of serious incidents affecting military and civilian personnel serving with the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM II), the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) and the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) have occurred during the last few days.

On 29 November in Uige, northern Angola, a Brazilian police observer with UNAVEM II was killed as a result of an outbreak of hostilities between National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) and government forces, during which the UNAVEM camp was caught in the cross-fire. The members of the Council convey their deep sympathy and condolences to the Government of Brazil and to the bereaved family.

The situation in UNPROFOR, which has already suffered over 300 casualties, 20 of them fatal, remains deeply troubling. On 30 November, two Spanish UNPROFOR soldiers in Bosnia and Herzegovina were seriously injured in a mine attack, and a Danish UNPROFOR soldier was abducted by armed men today.

On 1 December, two British UNTAC military observers and four naval observers, two from the Philippines, one from New Zealand and one from the United Kingdom, on patrol in Kompong Thom province were illegally detained by forces belonging to the National Army of Democratic Kampuchea (NADK). An UNTAC helicopter, sent to assist in the discussions for their release, was

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