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رسالة مؤرخة 20 آذار/مارس 2025 موجهة إلى الأمين العام وإلى رئيسة مجلس الأمن
من الممثل الدائم للاتحاد الروسي لدى الأمم المتحدة

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البوسنة والهرسك، زليكا تشيفيانوفيتش، مؤرخة 20 آذار/مارس 2025 (انظر المرفق)*.
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The Office of the Chairwoman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to United Nations in New York and has the honor to transmit herewith letters from Her Excellency Ms. Željka Cvijanović, Chairwoman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to Secretary General, Under-Secretary General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Permanent Missions of the Members States of the United Nations Security Council (see enclosure). The Office of the Chairwoman of the Presidency further has the honor to kindly request the valuable assistance of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation in circulating the aforementioned letters to the esteemed addresses, ahead of the Council consultations scheduled for Friday, March 21, 2025.

While fully aware that this request falls outside customary diplomatic practice, the Office of the Chairwoman is regrettably left with no alternative, given that the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina has once again acted unconstitutionally, unlawfully and in a partial and politically motivated manner by refusing to forward diplomatic correspondence from the Chairwoman of the Presidency of BiH.

The Office of the Chairwoman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation the assurances of its highest consideration.

Chief of Staff
(Signed) Dušan Petrović



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
P R E S I D E N C Y

March 20, 2025

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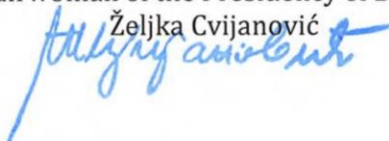
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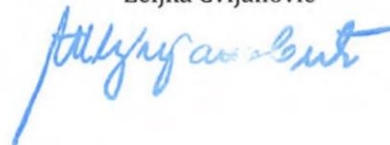
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