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**Note verbale dated 17 March 2003 from the Permanent Mission of Croatia
to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Office of the
United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations Office at Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to transmit the letter of Prof. Dr. Ante Simoncic, Croatian Deputy Prime Minister, addressed to Mr. Sergio de Mello, High Commissioner for Human Rights, regarding the issuing of standing invitations by the Republic of Croatia to the thematic mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights. By this act the Republic of Croatia joins other countries that have already done so demonstrating at the same time its openness for all thematic mechanisms, as well as its commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights within the United Nations system.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia would be most grateful if the Secretary of the Commission on Human Rights could arrange to have this letter* distributed to the members of the Commission, as an official document of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights under its agenda item 18.

* Reproduced in the annex as received, in the language of submission only.

Annex



**VLADA REPUBLIKE HRVATSKE
POTPREDSJEDNIK**

Zagreb, 13 March 2003

**H.E. Sergio VIEIRA DE MELLO
High Commissioner for Human Rights
UNITED NATIONS
GENEVA**

Your Excellency,

Having in mind the importance of the promotion and protection of human rights at the universal level, achievement of their full respect and recognising the interdependence and interrelation of all universally recognised human rights, the Republic of Croatia, as a member of the Commission on Human Rights, remains committed to pursue actively its policy towards the achievement of these noble goals.

In this context, the Republic of Croatia fully supports further strengthening of thematic procedures of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, considering these procedures as an important mechanism for the concrete and tangible development of human rights protection throughout the world.

For all these reasons, the Republic of Croatia decided to extend the open invitation to all thematic mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights to visit Croatia at any time they deem appropriate. This invitation will, in our view, contribute to the deepening of the existing dialogue with the UN system, being at the same time complementary to already existing policies and activities at the national level.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration

Dr. Anle Simončić


Deputy Prime Minister