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TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO). I have recently received an offer from the Government of the People's Republic of China to contribute five military observers to serve in UNTSO. I have also received an offer from the Government of Switzerland to contribute five military observers to UNTSO.

The actual strength of UNTSO is at present equal to its authorized level of 298 officers. Consultations have accordingly been held with 10 of the Governments currently contributing military observers to UNTSO, each of which has agreed to reduce its contingent by one officer, thus making it possible to accept China's and Switzerland's offer, while keeping the UNTSO strength within its authorized level.

Consultations have also been held with the Governments of the countries in which UNTSO is deployed. Each has indicated its concurrence with the proposed change in the composition of UNTSO.

It would, therefore, be my intention to accept the offers of the Governments of the People's Republic of China and Switzerland.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Javier PEREZ de CUELLAR