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## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF INTOLERANCE AND OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RELIGION OR BELIEF

## Letter dated 15 February 1990 from the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission of the Socialist People's Republic of Albania to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights

I have the honour to inform you that in one of the meetings at the forty-sixth session of the Commission on Human Rights, the representative of "Minority Rights Group" referred, <u>inter alia</u>, to the so-called torture and murder of four Albanian citizens belonging to the Greek minority. He is obviously misinformed, since his statement is a pure and malicious fabrication about my country.

I wish to repeat that the statement is a lie and that nothing of the kind happened. In this connection, on 5 January 1990, the Albanian Embassy in Athens showed Greek journalists and correspondents from various countries a film produced for television shot on the evening of 31 December at the village of Pepel Dropull at the home of the four Prasos brothers, showing them celebrating the New Year with their relatives. The sequences of the film attest to the absurdity and ridiculous nature of the statements of those who invented the so-called tragic killing of the four Prasos brothers. At the same time, I wish to inform you that Greek journalists have visited and seen the Prasos brothers recently. E/CN.4/1990/71 page 2

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Finally, I should like to inform you that the Greek minority in Albania is effectively assured of the protection and development of its culture and its popular traditions, the use of its mother tongue and its instruction in the schools, as well as equal development in all spheres of social life.

I should be very grateful if you would kindly arrange for this letter to be circulated to the members of the forty-sixth session of the Commission on Human Rights.

> (<u>Signed</u>): ALFRED PAPUÇIU, Chargé d'affaires Permanent Mission of the SPR of Albania

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