I condemn in the strongest possible terms

the massacre of civilians by Serb security

forces that took place last night in the village

of Racak in Kosovo. This was a deliberate

and indiscriminate act of murder designed

to sow fear among the people of Kosovo. It

is a clear violation of the commitments Serbian

authorities have made to NATO. There

can be no justification for it.

The perpetrators must be brought to justice.

The Serb authorities must act immediately

to identify those responsible. They

must cooperate with the Kosovo Verification

Mission and the International War Crime

Tribunal. They must withdraw security

forces, carry out all the commitments they

have made to NATO, and cease their repression.

We are in close contact with Secretary-

General Solana and our NATO allies. Together,

we will work to stop the repression

and prevent an escalation of fighting.

It is urgent that these murders not trigger

a spiral of reprisals. Both sides have a responsibility

to work towards a peaceful resolution

of this crisis and for a settlement that allows

the people of Kosovo the self-government

they so clearly deserve.