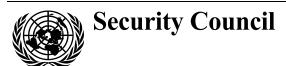
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Letter dated 17 March 2004 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Serbia and Montenegro to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to request you to convene an urgent meeting of the Security Council to consider the latest outbreak of violence in Kosovo and Metohija. The situation is extremely grave in Mitrovica, Čaglavica, Brezovica, Kosovo Polje, Štrpce, Gnjilane and other places in the Province. All Serb enclaves are encircled. Several people have been killed and hundreds injured including Kosovo Force (KFOR) officers.

These events clearly point to a serious deterioration of the security situation which, in the view of my Government, requires immediate action by the Security Council.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Roksanda **Ninčić** Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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