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LETTER DATED 5 JULY 1995 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF BOSNIA AND
HERZEGOVINA AND CROATIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We have the honour to enclose herewith a joint letter dated 5 July 1995 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Muhamed Sacirbey, and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, Mr. Mate Granic, addressed to you.

We would kindly request your assistance in circulating this letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ivan Z. MISIC
Chargé d'affaires of the
Permanent Mission of the
Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina
to the United Nations

(Signed) Mario NOBILO
Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Croatia
to the United Nations

Annex

Letter dated 5 July 1995 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Deputy Prime
Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic
of Croatia

The Governments of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and of the Republic of Croatia attach the utmost importance to the need for timely and mutual recognition between all successor States of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia within their internationally recognized borders.

Furthermore, it is the strong position of the two Governments that simultaneous recognition among three successor States, specifically the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), should be the critical first step in restarting the currently stalled peace process in the region.

The present diplomatic process has been deadlocked by the refusal of the Serbs in Pale to accept the Contact Group plan for Bosnia and Herzegovina and of the Serbs in Knin to accept the UNCRO mandate for Croatia and by the renewed interference of the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) into the affairs of our two countries. These and related developments pose a serious threat not only to the diplomatic process but also to the continued presence of United Nations peace-keepers in the region.

The Governments of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and of the Republic of Croatia reiterate their long-standing position that all future policy initiatives in the region should be refocused with the above important elements in mind, as well as the necessity to promote a true border closing between the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). Only then can the existing diplomatic process peacefully achieve the desired permanent and fair political settlement for the region.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina

(Signed) Mate GRANIC
Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Republic of Croatia
