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OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ITALY TO THE UNITED NATIONS

ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On 12 August 1997, the mandate of the multinational protection force in Albania, authorized by the Security Council in resolutions 1101 (1997) of 28 March 1997 and 1114 (1997) of 19 June 1997, will come to an end.

Italy, in its capacity as leader of the multinational protection force, will present the final report on the eve of the termination of the operation.

In this connection, we believe that it would be appropriate for the Security Council to conduct a thorough discussion of the results of the multinational protection force's activity in the framework of the international community's efforts to stabilize the country.

Therefore, I have the honour to request that an open meeting of the Security Council be held upon the expiration of the mandate of the multinational protection force.

(<u>Signed</u>) Paolo CASARDI Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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