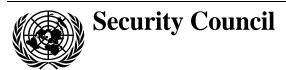
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Letter dated 15 June 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Today on 15 June 2000 a van ran into an anti-tank mine, planted by ethnic Albanian terrorist separatists on the Preoce-Lepina road, Municipality of Pristina, in Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia, Zlatibor Denic from Krajiste, Municipality of Lipljan, and Borko Filipovic from Preoce, Municipality of Pristina, were killed in the explosion while Dejan Filipovic from Preoce, Municipality of Pristina, lost his arms and legs.

This vandal act is yet another glaring example of terrorism conducted by the members of the terrorist so-called Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) against the Serbs in Kosovo and Metohija. It occurred in the presence of the Kosovo Force (KFOR) and the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) which leads to the conclusion that they deliberately turn a blind eye to these crimes, as it is otherwise inexplicable that the terrorists move freely and plant mines on the roads of Kosovo and Metohija without the international presences noticing it. The killing and the maiming of the three Serbs are yet another sorry example of the failure of those international presences to carry out their mandate under Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999 and to prevent terrorism and create a secure environment for all residents of Kosovo and Metohija. This terrorist act of ethnic Albanian separatists, as well as any others committed by them before, is aimed at intimidating the remaining Serbs and driving them out of Kosovo and Metohija. It provides eloquent proof of a flagrant violation of human rights as a function of ethnic cleansing.

Upon the instruction of my Government I request you to convene an urgent meeting of the Security Council to consider these atrocities and to take resolute measures, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), aimed at apprehending the perpetrators of the atrocities and at ensuring a secure environment for all residents of Kosovo and Metohija.

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

(Signed) Vladislav **Jovanovic** Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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