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YOUR TELNO [REDACTED] AND TELECONS WITH GREENSTOCK: BOSNIA: SANCTIONS
RESOLUTION

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19. AFTER ANOTHER LONG DELAY WHILE VORONTSOV CONSULTED MOSCOW, HE EVENTUALLY GOT YELTSIN'S AGREEMENT TO ABSTAIN ON THE RESOLUTION WITH THE NINE DAY DELAY. THE COUNCIL THEN MET JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS SCR 820 (1993), WITH THIRTEEN VOTES IN

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FAVOUR AND TWO ABSTENTIONS (RUSSIA, CHINA). THE TEXT WAS AS IN MY TELNO 1295 WITH THE WORD 'FIFTEEN' REPLACED BY 'NINE' IN PARAGRAPHS 8 AND 10. DJOKIC (FRY) ASKED TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL, BUT COUNCIL MEMBERS AGREED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO DEBATE. SO HE, AND SACIRBEY (BOSNIA), SAT AT THE TABLE BUT DID NOT SPEAK.

20. VANCE MADE A STATEMENT BEFORE THE VOTE, WELCOMING SCR 819 AND THE DECISION TO VOTE THE SANCTIONS RESOLUTION TONIGHT. HE SAID HE AND OWEN COMMENDED THE RESOLUTION WHOLEHEARTEDLY. IF IT FAILED, IT SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY ADDITIONAL MEASURES OF STERNER PERSUASION. TIME WAS RUNNING OUT. HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE STEPPED UP.

21. COUNCIL MEMBERS MADE STATEMENTS BEFORE AND AFTER THE VOTE. MERIMEE EXPLAINED WHY FRANCE HAD MOVED THE VOTE NOW AND SAID HE DID NOT RULE OUT GOING FURTHER IF NECESSARY. VORONTSOV REPEATED HIS ARGUMENTS WHY IT WAS PREMATURE TO VOTE NOW, AND SAID RUSSIA HAD SERIOUS WORRIES ABOUT THE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES OF THE UNDUE HASTE. SARDENBERG (BRAZIL) SAID THE VOPP WAS THE ONLY OPTION FOR A DURABLE SOLUTION AND DESERVED FULL COUNCIL BACKING. BRAZIL SUPPORTED THE RESOLUTION BUT DID NOT REGARD PARAGRAPH 29 AS A PRECEDENT FOR COASTAL STATES' RIGHTS. CAPE VERDE, MOROCCO, HUNGARY, SPAIN AND NEW ZEALAND SPOKE IN FAVOUR OF THE RESOLUTION, SO DID OLHAYE (DJIBOUTI), WHO ALSO CALLED FOR THE ARMS EMBARGO ON THE BOSNIANS TO BE LIFTED.

22. I THEN SPOKE. I SAID THE ORIGIN OF THE RESOLUTION LAY IN THE VANCE/OWEN PEACE PLAN. WE WERE DETERMINED TO SEIZE THE CHANCE FOR PEACE PROVIDED BY THE BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT'S SIGNATURE ON 25 MARCH. THE RESOLUTION WAS DESIGNED TO PUT THE WEIGHT OF THE COUNCIL BEHIND THE PEACE PLAN, AND GET ACROSS TO THE BOSNIAN SERBS THAT SIGNATURE WAS THE ONLY WAY TO ASSURE THEIR FUTURE AS A DISTINCT COMMUNITY WITHIN BOSNIA: TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE BOSNIAN SERBS AND THEIR BACKERS IN BELGRADE THE CONSEQUENCES OF REJECTION IN THE FORM OF TIGHTENED SANCTIONS AND COMPLETE ISOLATION: AND TO SET OUT THE BENEFITS OF ACCEPTANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEACE PLAN. I HOPED THE SERBS WOULD GET THE MESSAGE CONTAINED IN THE RESOLUTION AND TAKE DECISIVE STEPS IN THE NEXT NINE DAYS. IN THE LAST THREE WEEKS HOWEVER THE SERBS HAD CONTINUED THEIR UNACCEPTABLE POLICY OF TALK AND GRAB. THE RESOLUTION PROVIDED THE BASIS FOR A BETTER FUTURE: THE SERBS AND THE BELGRADE AUTHORITIES WOULD ONLY HAVE THEMSELVES TO BLAME IF THEY DID NOT SEIZE THIS CHANCE FOR PEACE.

23. ALBRIGHT (US) SAID THE RESOLUTION MADE CLEAR THE PRICE OF

CONTINUED ATTACKS AND ETHNIC CLEANSING, AND GAVE THE SERBS AN OPPORTUNITY TO AVOID THIS SIGNING. THE US HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY APPALLED BY THE ATTACKS ON SREBRENICA, AND WAS TAKING STEPS TO SHOW THE SERBS THE CONSEQUENCE OF THEIR ACTIONS. ARRIA (VENEZUELA) SPOKE IN STANDARD TERMS ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S FAILURE TO TAKE MORE DECISIVE STEPS AGAINST THE SERBS. CHEN (CHINA) EXPLAINED HIS ABSTENTION BY SAYING THAT HE SUPPORTED SOME ELEMENTS IN THE RESOLUTION, BUT THE REFERENCES TO CHAPTER VII AND ENFORCEMENT MEASURES FELL FOUL OF WELL-ESTABLISHED CHINESE OBJECTIONS. HATANO (JAPAN) SAID THAT SANCTIONS HAD A SERIOUS EFFECT ON THIRD PARTIES, BUT WERE JUSTIFIED IN THIS CASE. MARKER (PAKISTAN) SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED THE RESOLUTION BUT REGARDED IT AS AN INADEQUATE RESPONSE TO THE SUFFERING OF THE BOSNIAN PEOPLE. THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD TAKE FURTHER IMMEDIATE MEASURES ON HEAVY WEAPONS, AND TO INTERDICT ARMS SUPPLIES TO THE BOSNIAN SERBS, STRENGTHEN FINANCIAL SANCTIONS AND LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO ON THE BOSNIAN GOVERNMENT.

24. THE FORMAL COUNCIL DEBATE ON BOSNIA WILL PROCEED AS SCHEDULED ON 19 AND 20 APRIL.

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