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### REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 30 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative  
of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of a declaration of the European Community and its member States on Dubrovnik, issued on 27 October 1991 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

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Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Annex

DECLARATION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER  
STATES ON DUBROVNIK

The European Community and its member States strongly condemn the continuous JNA attacks on Croat cities. Cease-fire agreements have been violated by all parties, but recent Yugoslav National Army (JNA) attacks are out of all proportion to any non-compliance by Croatia. The repeated attacks on Dubrovnik have given the lie to the assertion that JNA only acts to relieve besieged garrisons or to protect Serbian communities.

JNA has issued an ultimatum whose terms imply the virtual surrender of Dubrovnik. The European Community and its member States consider this an illegal act clearly aimed at the seizure of an indisputably Croatian city.

The European Community and its member States reiterate that they will under no circumstances accept a policy of fait accompli aimed at unilateral change of borders.

In this context, they urge JNA to refrain from promulgating ultimatums and to comply strictly with the orders for a cease-fire issued by the eight members of the Federal Presidency on 18 October 1991.

They call on JNA to end the siege of Dubrovnik and to allow for relief supplies to be brought to the beleaguered population of the city so as to permit the legal administration and normal functioning of the city to be restored.

The European Community and its member States forcefully remind the leadership of JNA and all those exercising control over it of their personal responsibility under international law for their actions, including those in contravention of relevant norms of international humanitarian law. They will further determine their position during their meeting in Brussels on 28 October 1991.

