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OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 13 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative
of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text, in English and French, of a statement of the European Community and its member States on Bosnia and Herzegovina, issued at Lisbon and Brussels on 11 April 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 69 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Statement on Bosnia and Herzegovina issued by the European
Community and its member States on 11 April 1992

The Community and its member States wish to express their deepest concern about the security situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and appeal to all parties for an immediate cease-fire. They reiterate the absolute need for all parties to abide by the statement of principles agreed upon at Sarajevo on 18 March 1992, and call upon them to reach a peaceful and negotiated solution within the framework of the talks on constitutional arrangements for Bosnia and Herzegovina held under the auspices of the European Community peace conference.

The Community and its member States reaffirm that they strongly uphold the principle of the territorial integrity of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina as the unquestionable foundation of any constitutional order. They wish to make clear that violations of this principle will not be tolerated and will certainly affect the Community's future relations with those responsible.

The Community and its member States urge all military and paramilitary forces operating in Bosnia and Herzegovina to refrain from any actions that violate the sovereignty of the Republic or undermine the ongoing peace process. In this respect, they specifically call upon the Serbian and Croatian governments to exercise all their undoubted influence to end the interference in the affairs of an independent republic and to condemn publicly and unreservedly the use of force in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
