



Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Serbia
to the United Nations

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Excellency,

I am writing to draw your attention to the fact that the UNMIK budget proposal for the next financial year provides for extensive cuts in UNMIK funds and personnel; if effected, the cuts would jeopardize the mandate UNMIK has been granted by the Security Council in the process of implementation of UNSCR 1244 (1999). Bereft of the funds and personnel, UNMIK would not be able to carry out the interim administration in Kosovo and Metohija and would fail in that way to ensure proper functioning of democratic institutions, provide security and the rule of law, fulfil its obligations in the field of economy, governance and decentralization and protect cultural and religious heritage, sustainable returns and property rights and the rights of communities and to attend to other duties mandated by the Security Council.

Excellency,

The failure to provide funds for the rule of law in the budget proposal is of great concern, all the more so as EULEX is expected to be status-neutral and subordinated to UNMIK. Also, the proposal envisages no funds for the implementation of the 6-point agreement reached between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the highest representatives of the Government of the Republic of Serbia.

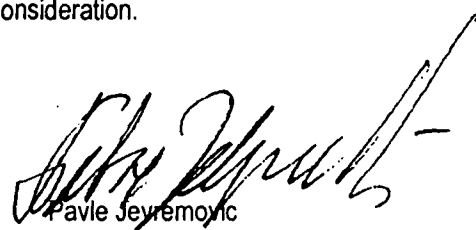
The Republic of Serbia is particularly concerned over the non-fulfilment of a part of the mandate of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General related to the signing of the laws adopted by the Assembly of Kosovo. It is being done by invocation of the illegal act of the unilateral declaration independence of the Province contrary to the United Nations Charter, international law and the Constitution of the Republic of Serbia.

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The projected reduction of UNMIK personnel could cause serious problems in many fields, including police, customs and the judiciary and have a negative effect on the implementation of agreements, CEFTA in particular, that have been reached in the meantime.

Bearing in mind the negative consequences that might ensue from the cuts envisaged in the UNMIK budget proposal, I would appreciate your Excellency's assistance in advising the members of the Security Council of this letter so that appropriate measures could be taken to stabilize the UNMIK situation and ensure the implementation of its mandate under UNSCR 1244 (1999).

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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