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SUBJECT: STATEMENTS BY MR. KARADZIC, MR. KRAJISNIK7 MR. BUHA, AND MADAME PLAVSIC AND PRESS STATEMENT BY AMB. RICHARD HOLBROOKE AND AMBASSADOR ROBERT H. FROWICK ON RESIGNATION OF SDS PRESIDENT KARADZIC

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE STATEMENT BY MR. KARADZIC, MR. KRAJISNIK, MR. BUHA, AND MADAME PLAVSIC.

2. THE UNDERSIGNED REAFFIRM THEIR COMMITMENT TO FULFILL THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR PEACE AND ANNEXES NEGOTIATED IN DAYTON AND SIGNED IN PARIS DECEMBER 14, 1995, AND STATE THE FOLLOWING:

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3. AS OF JULY 19, 1996, DR. BILJANA PLAVSIC HAS ASSUMED THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY ACTING PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIKA SRPSKA UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE ELECTIONS OF SEPTEMBER 14, 1996, SCHEDULED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DAYTON PEACE AGREEMENT WHEN A NEW PRESIDENT WILL BE ELECTED. SO THAT,

THEREFORE, ON JULY 19, 1996, DR. RADOVAN KARADZIC HAS RELINQUISHED THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIKA SRPSKA AND HAS RELINQUISHED ALL POWERS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH.

4. DR. RADOVAN KARADZIC STATES THAT HE SHALL WITHDRAW IMMEDIATELY AND PERMANENTLY FROM ALL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. HE WILL NOT APPEAR IN PUBLIC, OR ON RADIO OR TELEVISION OR OTHER MEDIA OR MEANS OF COMMUNICATION, OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY WAY IN THE ELECTIONS.

5. AS OF JULY 19, 1996, DR. RADOVAN KARADZIC RELINQUISHES THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE SDS AND ALL THE FUNCTIONS, POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SDS SHALL BE FROZEN UNTIL THE SDS CHOOSES A NEW PRESIDENT.

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THESE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES SHALL BE TAKEN OVER BY PROFESSOR BUHA.

6. FOLLOWING IS THE PRESS STATEMENT BY SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY AMBASSADOR RICHARD HOLBROOKE.

7. MR. HOLBROOKE: I AM DISTRIBUTING A STATEMENT THAT WAS SIGNED LAST NIGHT BY KARADZIC, KRAJISNIK, PLAVSIC AND BUHA AND WITNESSED BY MILOSEVIC AND MILUTINOVIC. WE WILL GIVE IT TO YOU AND WHEN YOU'VE ALL GOT IT, I'LL MAKE A COMMENT.

8. MR. HOLBROOKE: THE STATEMENT YOU HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU, WAS SIGNED VERY LATE LAST NIGHT, OR EARLY THIS MORNING IF YOU PREFER, BY DR. KARADZIC, MR. KRAJISNIK, MADAM PLAVSIC, MR. BUHA, AND WITNESSED BY PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC AND FOREIGN MINISTER MILUTINOVIC. WE NEGOTIATED LAST NIGHT FOR ABOUT TEN HOURS INCLUDING THE BREAK TO TALK TO WASHINGTON. OUR GROUP WAS JOINED AT THE VILLA OUTSIDE BELGRADE, OR ACTUALLY EXCUSE ME IN BELGRADE, BY KRAJISNIK AND BUHA. THEY SIGNED IT IN OUR PRESENCE AFTER VERY LENGTHY AND ACRIMONIOUS NEGOTIATION, BUT THEY ALL ARE. AND IT WAS FAKED TO PALE AND SIGNED THERE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE WITNESS WITH WHOM I THEN TALKED TO EARLY THIS

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MORNING. AND THERE IS NO QUESTION THE SIGNATURES ARE CORRECT. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT. IF IT'S IMPLEMENTED STRICTLY IT INCREASES SIGNIFICANTLY CHANCES OF SUCCESSFUL ELECTION. AND IN COMBINATION WITH VICE PRESIDENT GANIC'S TRIP NEXT WEEK HERE, WITH THE TRADE MISSION WHICH WILL BE THE HIGHEST LEVEL TRIP BETWEEN

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BOSNIA AND SERBIA SINCE THE WAR BEGAN, GIVES US CHANCE TO REVITALIZE THE PEACE PROCESS. MY TEAM MR. OWEN, MR.

GOLDBERG AND MY OTHER COLLEAGUES WILL RETURN WITH ME TO WASHINGTON NOW TO REPORT TO SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER AND TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

9. I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WE ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH WHAT WE'VE JUST GIVEN YOU. IT FALLS SHORT OF OUR GOALS. INDICTED WAR CRIMINALS SHOULD BE AT THE HAGUE TO FACE TRIAL UNDER DUE PROCESS OF LAW AND THAT INCLUDES DR. KARADZIC AND GENERAL MLADIC, BUT THE PEACE PROCESS IS A LONG AND VERY BUMPY ROAD, AND ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE COVERED OUR EFFORTS SINCE LAST YEAR KNOW THAT WE TAKE IT A STEP AT A TIME, ANNOUNCE THAT STEP AND MOVE ON. THE STEP WE ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING IS ONE THAT HAS ELUDED US PREVIOUSLY. SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH US AND WE'VE TALKED TO PRESIDENT IZETBEGOVIC THIS MORNING. HE IS VERY POSITIVE ABOUT THIS AND HE WILL ISSUE HIS OWN STATEMENT. AMBASSADOR FROWICK PLAYED A VITALLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE PROCESS IN THE LAST TWO DAYS, RETURNED FROM MOSCOW LAST NIGHT, HE WAS ON THE PHONE WITH US ALL NIGHT LONG, AND HE WILL MAKE HIS OWN ANNOUNCEMENT IN SARAJEVO AT ABOUT 10:30 OR 11:00. LET ME BE CLEAR ON WHAT THE THREE POINTS HERE ARE: NUMBER 1) AS OF THIS MORNING KARADZIC IS NO LONGER PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIKA SRPSKA, HE HAS RELINQUISHED THE OFFICE AND ALL POWERS ASSOCIATED THERETO. MADAM PLAVSIC IS THE TEMPORARY ACTING PRESIDENT AND SHE WILL REMAIN IN THAT POSITION UNTIL THE ELECTIONS PICK A NEW PRESIDENT. NUMBER 2) DR. KARADZIC STATES AND I QUOTE, THAT HE SHALL WITHDRAW IMMEDIATELY AND

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