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## **Organisation des Nations Unies**

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## Yougoslavie

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17 January 2000

Excellency,

1. I have the honour to refer to the responsibilities of the United Nations Liaison Office in Belgrade (UNLOB), established in 1992. As you are aware, paragraph 24 of the Report of the Secretary-General dated 6 February 1996 (S/1996/83), sets out the responsibilities of UNLOB and states, inter alia, that its primary task, "will be to provide political and information support to all the United Nation's missions in the former Yugoslavia."

2 In view of the importance of the functions which UNLOB performs and in order to facilitate their fulfilment, I propose that the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (the Government), in implementation of its obligations under Article 105 of the Charter of the United Nations, extend to UNLOB, as an organ of the United Nations, its property, funds and assets and to its personnel, the provisions of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations (the Convention) to which the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is a Party without reservation.

3. I propose in particular, that your Government extend to:

(a) the Head of the United Nations Liaison Office and other highranking members of UNLOB, as may be agreed between UNLOB and the Government, the privileges and immunities, exemptions and facilities which are enjoyed by diplomatic envoys in accordance with international law;

His Excellency Mr. Živadin Jovanović Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia Belgrade

- (b) the officials of the United Nations assigned to serve with UNLOB, the privileges and immunities to which they are entitled under Articles V and VII of the Convention Locally recruited members of UNLOB shall enjoy the immunities concerning official acts and exemption from taxation and national service obligations provided for in sections 18(a), (b) and (c) of the Convention.
- (c) other persons assigned to serve with UNLOB shall enjoy the privileges and immunities accorded to experts performing missions for the United Nations under Article VI of the Convention.

4. The privileges and immunities necessary for the fulfilment of the functions of UNLOB shall also include the following:

- prompt clearance and issuance, free of charge, of visas, licenses or permits, where required;
- unimpeded freedom of entry and exit without delay or hindrance of its personnel, property, supplies, equipment, spare parts and means of transport including chartered aircraft;
- in. unimpeded freedom of movement throughout the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia of UNLOB personnel, property, supplies, equipment, means of transport and spare parts, to the extent necessary for carrying out the mandate of UNLOB;
- iv. the right to fly the United Nations flag and place distinctive United Nations identification on premises, vehicles, aircraft and vessels;
- acceptance of United Nations registration for means of transport on land, water and air and United Nations licensing of operators of such means of transportation thereof;
- vi. the right to operate radio and other telecommunication equipment, including voice-fax satellite facilities, on United Nations registered f.equencies, and those frequencies, including VHF and HF allocated by the Government, between its offices, within and outside the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and in particular with UNLOB, in accordance with the procedures agreed upon with the Government. UNLOB shall be exempt from all other related fees and charges, it being understood that the use of local telephone, telegraph, telex, facsimile service and other electronic data systems will be charged at the most favourable rate;

- vii. the right to make arrangements through its own facilities for the processing and transport of private mail addressed to or emanating from members of UNLOB. The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall be informed of the nature of such arrangements, and shall not interfere with or apply censorship to the mail of UNLOB or its personnel;
- viii. the right to import, and to re-export or otherwise dispose of, free of duty or other restrictions, equipment and supplies of other goods which are for the exclusive and official use of UNLOB. UNLOB shall also have the right to use facilities for transport, e.g. roads, bridges, port facilities and airfields, without the payment of dues, taxes, tolls or charges. However, UNLOB shall not claim exemption from charges which are, in fact, charges for services rendered. Such charges shall be made at a fixed rate according to the amount of supplies furnished or services rendered.

5 It is understood that UNLOB and all premises used for the conduct of its activities shall be inviolable and subject to the exclusive authority and control of the United Nations.

6. It is further understood that the Government shall provide at 50 cost to the United Nations, by mutual agreement, all premises as may be necessary for conducting the operational and administrative activities of UNLOB.

It is also expected that the Government shall provide UNLOB and its personnel with the necessary safety and security. Upon request of the Head of UNLOB, armed escort shall be provided to protect UNLOB and its personnel during the exercise of its functions, when in the opinion of the Head of UNLOB such an escort is necessary.

8. I propose that this letter and the written confirmation of your acceptance of its provisions constitute an agreement between the United Nations and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia with immediate effect.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

with my best exercise

Bernard Miyet Under-Secretary-General for Peace-keeping Operations