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REASON: 1.5 (D)

1. (C) SUMMARY. ON JULY 23, THE SECURITY COUNCIL MET IN INFORMALS TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN BOSNIA. AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT BRIEFED THE COUNCIL ON THE ACTIVITIES OF SPECIAL ENVOY HOLBROOKE IN THE REGION. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONGRATULATED HOLBROOKE ON HIS SUCCESS AND AGREED THAT KARADZIC'S AGREEMENT TO WITHDRAW FROM POLITICAL LIFE MARKS A STEP FORWARD TOWARD PEACEFUL ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER. HOWEVER, THE COUNCIL EMPHASIZED THAT IT SEEKS A FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DAYTON ACCORDS, INCLUDING THE TRIAL OF KARADZIC AND MLADIC IN THE HAGUE. END SUMMARY.

2. (C) ON JULY 23, THE SECURITY COUNCIL MET IN
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INFORMALS TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN BOSNIA. AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT BRIEFED THE COUNCIL ON THE ACTIVITIES OF SPECIAL ENVOY HOLBROOKE IN THE BALKANS JULY 16-19. HOLBROOKE'S TRIP PRODUCED TWO NOTABLE OUTCOMES: AN AGREEMENT TO THE EFFECTIVE REMOVAL OF KARADZIC FROM THE POLITICAL SCENE AND AN AGREEMENT ON A VISIT TO BELGRADE BY VICE PRESIDENT GANIC AND FOREIGN MINISTER PRLIC ON JULY 23 AND 24 AS A CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURE.

3. (C) ON THE ISSUE OF KARADZIC, AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT EMPHASIZED KARADZIC'S AGREEMENT TO RELINQUISH HIS GOVERNMENTAL AND POLITICAL OFFICES AND WITHDRAW IMMEDIATELY AND PERMANENTLY FROM POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, FORGOING ANY APPEARANCE IN PUBLIC OR ON ANY MEDIA. KARADZIC WILL BE MONITORED CLOSELY TO ENSURE HIS FULFILLMENT OF THESE OBLIGATIONS- PRESIDENT PLAVSIC AND SDS CHAIRMAN BUHA HAVE BOTH AFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO FULFILL THE DAYTON AGREEMENT, BUT THEIR WORDS ARE NOT ENOUGH. THERE MUST BE DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENT IN SRPSKA PERFORMANCE IN THE AREAS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT- WHILE THIS IS NOT A SOLUTION IN AND OF ITSELF, IT IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP IN

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THE RIGHT DIRECTION ON THE ROAD TO ELECTIONS.

4. (C) [REDACTED]

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HOLBROOKE'S EFFORTS AND NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS FIRST STEP TOWARDS SUCCESSFUL ELECTIONS. HOWEVER, THEY
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AGREED THAT THE AGREEMENT BY ITSELF IS INSUFFICIENT AND EMPHASIZED THAT THEY FULLY EXPECT TO SEE KARADZIC, MLADIC AND OTHERS BROUGHT TO JUSTICE IN THE HAGUE.

[REDACTED] SUGGESTED THE CONTACT GROUP MIGHT MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL ON WAYS TO STRENGTHEN THE INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL. [REDACTED] NOTED THAT CARL BILDT'S APPEARANCE AT THE COUNCIL ON JULY 31 WOULD PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE THE BOSNIAN SITUATION IN THE WAKE OF KARADZIC'S REMOVAL FROM POLITICAL LIFE.

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5. (C) [REDACTED] STATED THAT SINCE KARADZIC HAD RESIGNED FROM ALL POSTS OF POLITICAL POWER, THE RELEVANT ARTICLES OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND FLORENCE CONFERENCE WERE BEING ABIDED BY. [REDACTED] SUPPORTS THE RESULTS OF HOLBROOKE'S MISSION WHICH ACHIEVED "BALANCED AND EQUITABLE" RESULTS. [REDACTED] SAID THE [REDACTED] APPRECIATED THAT HOLBROOKE DID NOT JUST CONFINE HIS DISCUSSIONS TO THE KARADZIC ISSUE BUT ALSO TALKED ABOUT CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES BETWEEN SARAJEVO AND BELGRADE SUCH AS THE GANIC VISIT. [REDACTED] NOTED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL IS ONE ISSUE WHICH

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ENCOMPASSES ALL WAR CRIMINALS, NOT JUST KARADZIC AND
 MLADIC; AN ADDITIONAL NAME WHICH CAME TO MIND, HE SAID,
 WAS KORDIC. THE TRIBUNAL'S WORK IS JUST ONE PART OF AN
 OVER-ARCHING POLITICAL SOLUTION. [] CONCLUDED BY
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HAS REMOVED ALL OBSTACLES FROM SUCCESSFUL ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER.

6. (C) [REDACTED] PROPOSED THAT COUNCIL PRESIDENT FRENCH PERMREP DEJAMMET MAKE A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS PRAISING HOLBROOKE'S WORK BUT STRESSING THE COUNCIL'S DESIRE TO SEE KARADZIC AND MLADIC TRIED IN THE HAGUE. DEJAMMET AGREED TO MAKE SUCH A STATEMENT, EMPHASIZING THE COUNCIL'S DESIRE TO SEE A FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DAYTON ACCORDS.

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7. (C) AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT SUGGESTED THAT DEJAMMET ALSO UNDERSCORE THE COUNCIL'S EXPECTATIONS OF A FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DAYTON ACCORDS, INCLUDING FULL COMPLIANCE BY ALL PARTIES WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL. [REDACTED] THAT KARADZIC'S AGREEMENT WAS LIKE A HEART TRANSPLANT: TIME WAS NEEDED TO SEE IF IT WOULD BE REJECTED OR NOT, AND WHETHER KARADZIC WOULD BE TRULY OUT OF THE LIMELIGHT.

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8. (C) [REDACTED] IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO DOWNPLAY ANY [REDACTED] DIFFERENCES WITH THE REST OF THE COUNCIL, EMPHASIZED THAT "NO ONE IS TRYING TO RESTRICT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL," AND ADDED THAT THE TRIBUNAL SHOULD BE COMPLIED WITH FULLY BY ALL PARTIES.

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9- (C) - FOLLOWING THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT FRENCH PERMREP DEJAMMET MADE A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS IN WHICH HE NOTED THAT KARADZIC'S REMOVAL FROM POLITICAL LIFE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DAYTON AGREEMENT AND IS A STEP TOWARDS THE SUCCESSFUL HOLDING OF ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER. HE ALSO HIGHLIGHTED COUNCIL APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS OF HOLBROOKE, OSCE REPRESENTATIVE FROWICK AND HIGH REPRESENTATIVE CARL BILDT. DEJAMMET EMPHASIZED THE COUNCIL'S WILL THAT ALL ELEMENTS OF THE ACCORDS SIGNED IN PARIS AND UNSC RESOLUTIONS BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED, AND CALLED UPON ALL PARTIES TO COMPLY FULLY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL. HE ALSO NOTED THAT HIGH REPRESENTATIVE CARL BILDT WOULD BRIEF THE COUNCIL ON JULY 31, WHICH WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT TIME TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS MADE

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