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Jun 2005 LETTER TO THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL

WE ARE INVITING ALL INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATION TO SUPPORT OUR ACTION AND SIGN ATTACHED LETTER TO THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF SERBIAN PROVINCE KOSOVO - METOHIIJA.

FAX THE LETTER WITH YOUR SIGNATURES TO THE NUMBERS PROVIDED. DISTRIBUTE THIS LETTER TO YOUR FRIENDS.

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RE: FUTURE STATUS OF SERBIAN PROVINCE KOSOVO-METOHIIJA

Your Excellency,

We, as the Serbian-American citizens of the United States, have a great respect for the United Nations and the Security Council, and thus submit to you our suggestions and recommendations regarding the grave situation in the Serbian province of Kosovo-Metohija:

- I. The UN Security Council Resolution 1244 is an excellent and just document that specifies an even-handed policy toward the Kosovo problem – thus, we request that all points from this document are enforced, which unfortunately is not currently the case.**
- II. The UN Security Council should support reintegration of Kosovo-Metohija into a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-confessional, modern and democratic, internationally recognized Serbia-Montenegro, as a highly autonomous region.**

Our recommendations are based on the following:

- **The UN SB Resolution 1244 emphasizes** that Kosovo-Metohija is the part of the sovereign state of Serbia-Montenegro, which we fully support. The basic international principle of preservation of sovereignty and territorial integrity must be also applied to Serbia-Montenegro, as guaranteed by the UN SB Resolution 1244. Thus, there is no justification for giving independence to Kosovo-Metohija. Serbia-Montenegro today is a democratic country that fully implements human and minority rights, as well as religious freedom. There is large number of minority groups, including Albanians, living peacefully in Serbia-Montenegro today.
- It needs to be pointed out that **Kosovo-Metohija was never a part of any Albanian state** (which did not even exist before 1913), but has belonged to the Serbs since pre-

medieval times. It is considered the Holy Land and the heart of Serbian religion and culture. Hundreds of Serbian medieval churches and monasteries present today in Kosovo-Metohija are proof of historical and continuous Serbian presence in this province.

- **The Albanian majority that we see today in Kosovo-Metohija was formed during World War II when they fought on the side of Nazis and in the decades after World War II**, as a result of illegal immigration, a high birth rate, and through terrorizing of the local non-Albanian population during communist Tito's regime. **Since 1999 and under the UN watch**, this terror continued - an additional 250,000 non-Albanians were expelled from Kosovo-Metohija, and less than 1% of those people were allowed to return. To this horrific statistics, we need to add 1,000 kidnapped and 1,200 murdered, with a sustained attempt at expunging the sacerdotal Serbian presence in Kosovo-Metohija: of the original 1,657 churches, monasteries and monuments, over 150 have been burned, looted and destroyed, 211 Christian cemeteries destroyed and 5177 monuments smashed – all during the time of peace and not war, and all under the UN/NATO watch.
- **The March 2004 pogrom** is the most recent example of extreme Albanian violence in Kosovo: according to UN statistics, 50,000 Albanians – in the presence of 18,000 NATO "peacekeepers" – drove 4,500 Serbs and other non-Albanians from their homes, injuring 900, including 150 peacekeepers, and killing 19 persons. Additional 35 churches and shires were destroyed, including those, dating to the 12th and 14th century, and over 800 Serbian homes were looted and demolished.
- **Many of the EU member states have separatist movements:** Great Britain has Northern Ireland, Belgium has the Wallons and the Flemish, the Italians have the Tyrol, and France, like Spain, has the Basques as well as Bretons. Although the governments try to keep these regions under control, violence breaks out from time to time. However, unlike the situation with Kosovo-Metohija, **the UN does not administer and/or support these separatist regions, the UN does not advocate independence for those separatist regions, and the UN lets the democratically elected governments resolve the problems within their internationally recognized borders.**
- **Thus, it must be expected that the UN Security Council will uphold and honor international laws, treaties and agreements regarding Kosovo-Metohija as well.** The borders of former Yugoslavia, as well as Serbia, were repeatedly recognized by international agreements and peace treaties, including: **the Treaty of London (1913 – Kosovo internationally recognized as the territory of Serbia), the Treaty of Versailles (1919), the Paris Peace Treaties (1947), the EC Arbitrage Commission (Badinter Commission - 1991), and the UN Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999).** In addition, **the United Nations Charter (1945) and the Helsinki Accords (1975) define the basic international principles of preservation of sovereignty, territorial integrity, internationally recognized borders, and preservation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, that we hope should be applied in the case of Kosovo-Metohija.**

June 2005

Respectfully,



SERB DAY IN CONGRESS VIDOVĐAN 2005 June 28 – 30, 2005

Come raise the Serbian American Voice in Washington, DC and join in launching the first Commemoration of Vidovdan in Congress. Be among the first to represent this nation's Serbian American community in Congress. Visit your representative's office in Washington, meet members of the Serbian Congressional Caucus, and more.

REGISTER EARLY – SPACE IS VERY LIMITED! TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, June 28, 6 pm – VIDOVĐAN Pan Orthodox Vespers

Commemorating Fallen Serbs

The Serbian Orthodox Church and its faithful will commemorate Vidovdan and hold memorial services for Holy Prince Lazar and Serb knights who perished in the battle against the invading Ottoman Turk Empire in Kosovo Polje in 1389.

Location: **St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral**, Massachusetts Avenue, Washington DC

Wednesday, June 29

11am – Noon – Serbian Americans gather in U.S. Congress:

Meet your Congressional Representative

A historic opportunity for Serbian Americans to share our history, culture and aspirations... Visit your representative's office, meet the staff and request support for our issues from your representative in Congress. Also meet members of the **Serbian Congressional Caucus**, lawmakers who care about issues related to Serbia and the Serbian people. Serbian American involvement can enhance the Caucus and ensure that Congress receives the Serbian American side of the story.

Noon – 2pm – Congressional Lunch

The members of the **Serbian Congressional Caucus** will co-host a luncheon and program. **Keynote Speaker: Robert Merry**, President and Publisher of the Congressional Quarterly, the nation's most authoritative source for complete information and insightful news on government, politics and public policy.

Location: House Rayburn Office Building

6-8pm – Reception at the Embassy of Serbia and Montenegro

This event is limited to registered participants for this event and space is limited. Invitations will be sent to registrants on a first come first serve basis.

Thursday, June 30

Serbian American gathering at the White House:

Thursday, June 30 (meeting request pending)

For more information, on how you can become a "Serb Ambassador" representing Serbs from your city, please contact the Serbian Unity Congress - Washington Office.

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