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LETTER TO DR. KARADZIC

Attached please find a joint letter on the humanitarian supply situation sent to Dr. Karadzic by Mrs. Sadako Ogata and myself. A copy of the above letter was also sent to President Izetbegovic.

Regards.

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Sir.

We write to convey to you our profound concern about the developing disasters in Sarajevo, Bihac, Gorazde, Srebrenica and Zepa. Due to obstructive actions by forces under your control, humanitarian supplies and relief personnel are prevented from reaching their destinations, warehouses are empty, whole families are crying out for food and there is little water, gas, electricity or medicine in any enclave.

International humanitarian law and indeed human decency entitle civilians, even in the midst of armed conflict, to unhindered access to humanitarian supplies. The rules of international humanitarian law appear to be observed only in the breach by the Bosnian Serb military.

We expect you to take responsibility for ensuring that those under your authority comply with all existing agreements and obligations and we call upon you to honour the commitments you yourself have made over the past three years and as recently as last week. We can no longer tolerate the violation of exhaustively negotiated arrangements or the denial of well developed procedures. We refuse to accept lame excuses, false allegations and suspicions or reference to uncontrolled elements to justify interference with free movement of humanitarian goods and staff.

At the very least, the people of Bosnia must receive food, medicines and clothing. We demand that you intervene to remove immediately all obstructions to the free flow of aid to those in need, particularly those facing their fourth year of siege in the enclaves.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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Sadako Ogata

Yasushi Akashi

His Excellency Dr. Radovan Karadzic Pale