Letter dated 30 September 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Serbia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On 29 September 2011, the Government of the Republic of Serbia adopted a conclusion, whereby it assessed that in the latest incident at the Jarinje administrative checkpoint in Kosovo, members of the International Security Force in Kosovo acted in violation of the authority given to their mission under Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), in the territory under the United Nations interim administration established in accordance with that resolution.

The Government of the Republic of Serbia demanded an urgent investigation by the United Nations of that incident. It also called on the United Nations to ensure that the missions operating in the territory of the Autonomous Province of Kosovo and Metohija act strictly within a status-neutral framework, as envisaged under resolution 1244 (1999).

The Government of the Republic of Serbia reiterated its conviction that the tensions can be overcome only through negotiations and with full respect for the rights and interests of the Serbian population in the northern part of the Autonomous Province of Kosovo and Metohija.

In accordance with that conclusion, I have the honour to request that the United Nations, maintaining the interim administration in Kosovo under Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), conduct an urgent investigation and establish all relevant facts in connection with the use of armed force against civilians on 27 September 2011. Additionally, I have the honour to request that the United Nations ensure henceforth that the missions operating in the territory of Kosovo act strictly within a status-neutral framework in accordance with resolution 1244 (1999).

I should be grateful if you could have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Feodor Starčević

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