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Sir,

On behalf of the President of the Conference on Disarmament, who is at present participating in the deliberations of the First Committee of the General Assembly at Headquarters, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 27 October 1992, by which you inform him of the wish of the Republic of Croatia to present its candidature for membership in the Conference on Disarmament.

In that connection, I wish to report to you that, as instructed by the President, I have circulated today copy of your communication to all members of the Conference.

I wish to express to you, Sir, the assurances of my high consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vicente Berasategui', written over a horizontal line.

Vicente Berasategui
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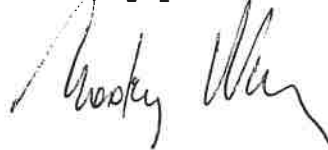
Dear Sir,

Upon instructions from my Government I have the honour to inform you that the Republic of Croatia would like to present its candidature for membership in the United Nations Conference on Disarmament. As a new State, member of the United Nations and fully committed to the UN Charter and to the cause of peace Croatia believes that it can make valuable contribution to the future activities of the Conference on Disarmament. Several experts from Croatia have in the past participated in the preparation of various initiatives and conventions in the field of disarmament and they are ready to continue doing so, now as the representatives of sovereign and independent Republic of Croatia.

Aware that the consultations will be intensified soon in order to expand the membership of the Conference on Disarmament Republic of Croatia expresses the hope that its candidature will be favourably received.


I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to express to you assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours



Neven Madey

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TO: PETROVSKY FROM BERASATEGUI

INFO: DAVINIC, DIRECTOR ODA

ATTACHED IS A BRIEF REPORT ON THE SITUATION OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE QUESTIONS OF ITS AGENDA AND MEMBERSHIP.

Expansion of membership and agenda

1. Throughout the 1992 session, in plenary statements, especially the proposals of Mexico and Sweden, and the numerous statements by non-member States, in private discussions conducted by the President and myself, and in the four open-ended consultations on the improved and effective functioning of the Conference conducted by Ambassador Kamal (Pakistan), the two questions of agenda and expansion of membership have been addressed. As reported in Situation Report No. 26, the importance of bringing about some movement on these two questions this year had been recognized, but in-depth discussion on it had been subordinated to the overriding goal of concluding the chemical weapons negotiations.

2. As it is, the thrust of this year's discussions on the two questions became the identification of a mechanism by which to discuss them.

3. A general agreement has been reached in the framework of Ambassador Kamal's consultations to entrust the current President of the Conference, Ambassador Servais of Belgium, who continues throughout the period until the 1993 session, to conduct consultations on these two items, with the assistance of the in-coming President and the Secretary-General of the Conference, and to report to the Conference at the beginning of its 1993 session. This agreement will be reflected in the annual report to the General Assembly. Such consultations will for practical reasons be carried out both in Geneva and parallel to the work of the First Committee of the 47th session of the General Assembly.

4. There is considerable interest in those consultations among members, as many believe that they would provide the basis for a review of the future role of the Conference in the light of the new developments in the international situation and, in particular, the end of the Cold War.