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ADMINISTRATION IN KOSOVO (UNMIK) ON FEBRUARY 16, 2011

Thank you, Madam President.

2. I would like to join other colleagues in thanking SRSG Lamberto Zannier for his briefing. I also want to thank H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremic, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia, for his country's perspective on the situation in Kosovo. We have carefully listened to the statement of Kosovo's representative Ms. Vlora Citaku.

3. Madame President, the Secretary General's report on the United Nations Interim Administration in Kosovo (UNMIK) has brought out in detail the prevailing situation there. We note that with UNMIK's facilitation, Belgrade and Pristina have continued cooperation on several issues, including those of missing persons and religious and cultural heritage. We encourage the two parties to address the remaining issues seriously and expeditiously. UNMIK should also continue its work in facilitating communication between the parties.

4. Madam President, while the overall security situation in Kosovo has remained relatively calm, the Secretary General's report says that the continuing prevalence of individual as well as organised crimes makes the security situation potentially volatile. In this connection, the report of the Council of Europe's Rapporteur, Mr. Dick Marty, which contains allegations of inhuman treatment of people and illicit trafficking in human organs, merits examination. We suggest that a thorough and impartial investigation be carried out of these allegations by an entity legally empowered to look into all aspects of the matter.

5. The Secretary General's Report, Madam President, shows that a considerable number of tasks under Pillars I and II, concerning police and justice and civil administration, which are monitored by UNMIK, remain to be accomplished. Accordingly, we urge SRSG to continue to implement UNMIK's mandate. We call upon all parties to fully cooperate with UNMIK and facilitate its work. We hope all the issues concerning Kosovo are resolved peacefully through consultation and dialogue. We also support extension of

UNMIK's mandate so that it continues to work towards fulfilment of the tasks mandated to it by this Council.

Thank you, Madam President.

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