DEMILITARIZATION STATEMENT

Recognizing that the current security situation and general environment in the Presevo, Medveda and Bujanovac municipalities is unstable and an obstacle to peace and stability in the region,

Maintaining that the ethnic Albanian residents of Presevo, Medveda and Bujanovac municipalities have endured years of discrimination and persecution from previous Governments of Serbia and the FRY,

Reconfirming that the reasons why we were forced to take up arms included our maltreatment by previous Yugoslav authorities, our removal from government institutions and marginalization from daily civilian life in the municipalities of Presevo, Medveda and Bujanovac, and the denial of our basic human rights including cultural, national, social, political and economic rights,

Calling upon the Serbian and FRY Governments to correct the policies of the Milosevic regime and integrate ethnic Albanians and all ethnic minorities into governmental, civic and economic structures,

Highlighting the importance of maintaining the linkage between ethnic Albanian families and friends living in Kosovo and the municipalities of Presevo, Medveda and Bujanovac and the need to maintain cross boundary freedom of movement for all individuals,

Asking that the Serbian Joint Security Forces treat ethnic Albanians with dignity and respect and refrain from taking homes and personal property,

Noting the efforts of the international community, specifically Mssrs. Pieter Feith, Shawn Sullivan and Wayne Porter, to facilitate a peaceful resolution to the crisis,

Acknowledging that the Liberation Army of Presevo, Medveda and Bujanovac has succeeded in drawing international attention to the plight of ethnic Albanians in the municipalities of Presevo, Medveda and Bujanovac and that the time has come to lay down our weapons and seek change through political means,

The Liberation Army of Presevo, Medveda and Bujanovac hereby,

Commits itself to fully demilitarize, demobilize, disarm and disband May 2001 with the assistance of the international community, according to the following timetable:

Zone B South May 01
Zone B Center May 10
Zone B North is not in control of the VRA

Seeks to fight for the rights of ethnic Albanians through the political process and with the assistance of the international community and representatives of the new Serbian and FRY governments,

Guarantees a safe and peaceful entry into Sector B for the Serbian Joint Security Forces,

Calls upon the international community and the Serbian and FRY Governments to keep its commitments to the ethnic Albanian community in the municipalities of
Presevo, Medveda and Bujanovac, as detailed in the Serbian Program for the Solution of the Crisis in Southern Serbia and as outlined in statements made by OSCE, NATO, EU, UNHCR and the rest of the international community, to facilitate our integration into civil life,

Requests that the Serbian and FRY governments honor its proposed amnesty program that extends to all UCPMB members who voluntarily lay down their weapons and cease their activities,

Seeks the establishment of a truly multi-ethnic police force to guarantee the safety of ethnic Albanians,

Asks KFOR to make itself available to receive UCPMB weapons and uniforms for destruction at the key boundary checkpoints,

Requests NATO representatives and the EUMM assist, monitor and verify our demilitarization process.

For the Liberation Army of Presevo, Medveda and Bujanovac,

Shefqet Musliu, Commander
Koncjun, 20 May 2001

Witnesses,

Shawn F. Sullivan
NATO Head of Office in the FRY