

The London Conference

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CONCLUSIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING SANCTIONS

1. The London Conference welcomes the steps taken by the international community to implement United Nations Security Council Resolutions 713 and 757 imposing mandatory sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro, but regrets that there remain gaps in implementation. The following proposals deal with the gaps identified so far.

Compliance with UNSCR 757: need for enforcement

2. The Conference notes that many countries are cooperating with the UN Sanctions Committee but is concerned that compliance remains incomplete. The Conference calls on all governments forthwith to comply fully with the requirements of UNSCR 757. All governments should respond to the appeal issued by the UN Sanctions Committee for information regarding violations of the sanctions regime.

3. The Conference recommends that the Security Council should consider any requests made to it under Article 50 of the UN Charter by any state which considers that it is confronted by special economic problems arising from carrying out the requirements of UNSCR 757.

Enforcement of sanctions by neighbouring states

4. Neighbouring states are encountering practical problems in the enforcement of sanctions. The Conference notes with approval the fact that the Romanian government invited experts to give advice on ways of overcoming difficulties in the application of sanctions and that officials from a number of Conference countries will shortly go to Romania to help the Romanian authorities with enforcement. Further missions are currently visiting Hungary and Bulgaria with the same purpose. The Conference looks forward to similar missions taking place to all other neighbouring countries, and welcomes the offer of assistance by the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe to these countries. It also welcomes the intention to establish monitoring missions from representatives of individual Conference countries to assist in the implementation of sanctions in neighbouring countries. The Conference invites the European

Community and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe to coordinate these activities.

The Danube

5. The Conference notes that Article 103 of the UN Charter obliges the riparian states of the Danube to do whatever is necessary, including the stopping and searching of vessels, to prevent the use of the River Danube for the purposes of circumventing or breaking the sanctions imposed in UNSCR Resolutions 713 and 757, notwithstanding the provisions of the Belgrade Convention.

6. The Conference calls upon the riparian countries to prevent sanctions being broken or circumvented by trade along the Danube. Individual Conference countries will provide expertise, technical assistance and equipment to the governments concerned to help with enforcement.

Unauthorized transfers of Serbian and Montenegrin assets

7. The Conference is concerned that financial transfers for the benefit of Serbia and Montenegro in breach of UNSCR 757 are taking place. The Conference countries reaffirm their commitment to prevent such transfers and call on other states to do the same. The Conference invites the UN Sanctions Committee to consider whether its guidelines need to be tightened for this purpose.

Transit traffic

8. Illegal diversion of goods in transit across Serbia and Montenegro is taking place. The Conference calls on the authorities of bordering countries to do all they can to

prevent this diversion and to report violations to the UN Sanctions Committee. The Conference also invites the UN Security Council to ask the Sanctions Committee to define more precisely its guidelines on the subject of transit traffic.

Strengthening the legal framework

9. The Conference invites the Security Council to take such further measures as may be necessary to ensure the full implementation of UNSCRs 713 and 757. Existing sanctions are possibly being breached by maritime traffic in the Adriatic Sea. The Security Council is therefore invited to consider further measures to ensure rigorous implementation of sanctions in the Adriatic.

Follow up to the Conference

10. The Conference agrees that member states of the European Community and of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe will keep the UN Sanctions Committee informed on a regular basis about the action they have committed themselves to take to enforce sanctions rigorously, including any problems that may be encountered. In addition, as part of the follow-up to the Conference, the Representatives of the Co-Chairmen on the Steering Committee will take action necessary to remedy defects in enforcement and generally to ensure rigorous application of sanctions in accordance with SCR 757.