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Letter dated 22 May 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to attach herewith a copy of the statement by the Colombian Government, issued on 21 May 1992, concerning the recognition of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina (see annex).

I request you to have this letter and the annex hereto circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 69 of the preliminary list.

(<u>Signed</u>) Alfredo REY Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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ANNEX

Statement of recognition of Bosnia and Herzegovina, issued by the Colombian Government on 21 May 1992

The Government of the Republic of Colombia decided today to recognize the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

It took this decision because the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina meets the relevant de facto and <u>de jure</u> requirements, and also because the Republic's coming into being as an independent State is based on the principle of the self-determination of peoples. Moreover, the Republic has undertaken to observe all the principles of international law laid down in the Charter of the United Nations and those flowing from the Helsinki Final Act and the Charter of Paris for a new Europe.

The Colombian Government will take steps by agreement with the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina to establish diplomatic relations with the Republic in due course.

