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LETTER DATED 27 APRIL 1999 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for your information, a communication dated 20 April 1999 from the Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) (see annex I). The enclosed report, which deals with the situation in Kosovo, is submitted pursuant to Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998) of 31 March 1998 and 1203 (1998) of 24 October 1998, and in compliance with the Council's wish to be kept informed of the situation in Kosovo (see annex II).

I should appreciate your bringing this communication to the attention of the members of the Council.

(<u>Signed</u>) Kofi A. ANNAN

#### <u>Annex I</u>

[Original: English]

### Letter dated 21 April 1999 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I hereby have the honour to forward the OSCE monthly report on the situation in Kosovo pursuant to the requirements set out in United Nations Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998) and 1203 (1998).

(<u>Signed</u>) Svein AASS Ambassador Deputy Permanent Representative

#### Annex II

#### Letter dated 20 April 1999 from the Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe addressed to the Secretary-General

Reference is made to my letter of 16 February 1999 concerning the contributions of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) to the reporting on the situation in Kosovo pursuant to the requirements set out in United Nations Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998) and 1203 (1998).

I hereby enclose the report covering the period from mid-March to mid-April 1999 on the situation in Kosovo, and on the activities of OSCE. Please note that, since the temporary withdrawal of the OSCE Kosovo Verification Mission, verification of cooperation and compliance inside Kosovo has not been possible. Hence, the report does not include a separate chapter on those issues.

(<u>Signed</u>) Knut VOLLEBAEK

#### Enclosure

# Monthly report on the situation in Kosovo, pursuant to the requirements set out in United Nations Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998) and 1203 (1998)

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