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Letter dated 18 October 2000 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 18 October 2000 from the High Representative for the Implementation of the Peace Agreement on Bosnia and Herzegovina (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. **Annan**

Annex

Letter dated 18 October 2000 from the High Representative on the Implementation of the Peace Agreement on Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the seventeenth report on the activities of the Office of the High Representative on the Implementation of the Peace Agreement on Bosnia and Herzegovina. I would appreciate your making this report available to the Security Council.

(Signed) Wolfgang **Petritsch**

Enclosure**Report by the High Representative for the Implementation of the Peace Agreement to the Secretary-General****Mid-April-beginning of October 2000**

Pursuant to Security Council resolution 1031 (1995) of 15 December 1995, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit reports from the High Representative in accordance with Annex 10 of the Peace Agreement and the Conclusions of the London Peace Implementation Conference of 8 and 9 December 1995, I herewith present the seventeenth report to the Council.

The report covers the activities of the Office of the High Representative and developments in Bosnia and Herzegovina during the period from the middle of April until the beginning of October 2000.

Summary

1. The Peace Implementation Council, which met at Brussels on 23 and 24 May 2000, set three key strategic targets concerning consolidation of Bosnia and Herzegovina State institutions, economic reform and refugee return.
2. A new Council of Ministers, including three new ministries, was established; the main Bosnia and Herzegovina State institutions are still dominated by ethnic rather than State interests.
3. Twenty-one public officials were dismissed for serious obstruction of the Peace Agreement.
4. The Constitutional Court announced its third partial decision on the Constituent Peoples' Case.
5. A single national passport was imposed owing to the inability of State institutions to reach a decision; first passports to be issued this autumn.
6. There was a high increase of returns to pre-war homes, even in areas previously considered dangerous.
7. Laws on state treasury and party financing were adopted, strengthening accountability at the State level.
8. A new Bosnia and Herzegovina-wide telephone numbering plan has been successfully implemented.

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