

*Council of Europe*  
*The Secretary General*

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Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your letter of 22 January 1993 containing the "Appeal for Peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Stability in the Balkans" signed by Nobel Prize winners.

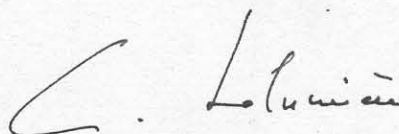
First of all I should like to assure you that I share completely the concerns expressed in that statement.

As shown by the texts enclosed, the various bodies within the Council of Europe have spoken out concerning the conflict in ex Yugoslavia. They have made special reference to the principles and aims which the Council of Europe is now pursuing in the hope of bringing all the peoples of Europe together in the family of democratic nations.

I shall follow developments very closely in support of the endeavours by Governments to put an end to the hostilities and by private and public institutions in charge of alleviating suffering.

The Council of Europe is of course ready to do its best to contribute to the reconstruction of a civilised world when arms have been silenced.

Yours sincerely,



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