

EC WELCOMES UN RESOLUTION ON AID TO VICTIMS OF YUGOSLAV CONFLICTS

The EC Commission welcomes yesterday's decision by the United Nations Security Council to approve the use of force if necessary to get humanitarian aid to victims of the fighting in the former Yugoslavia.

EC Commission President Jacques Delors, addressing an August 11 extraordinary session of European Parliament committees, called on the UN to consent to such a move to alleviate human suffering: "What actions must be taken?...the distribution of humanitarian aid, in the first place, to Sarajevo and Goradze, [must be] guaranteed, where necessary, by use of military force, or at least, under control of UN forces, if this organization consents."

The Commission views the UN decision as a positive signal of the will of the international community to see its humanitarian actions provide the maximum benefits to victims of the turmoil.

The European Community provides more than 70 percent of all international humanitarian aid to the former Yugoslavia. Total EC aid stands at 331 million ECU*, which includes a contribution of 169 million ECU from the EC's own budget and 162 million ECU in bilateral aid by individual member states.

* 1 ECU = \$1.39 on August 14, 1992

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