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REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH, LABOUR
AND SOCIAL WELFARE

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TO: UNICEF, PSF, MDM, MSF - SARAJEVO

Dear Sirs,

Since the beginning of the war, the adequate division of humanitarian aid in medicines and medical supplies which arrives to the Sarajevo Airport presents a serious problem for the Serb side. As you know, that aid is then stored in your warehouses in Sarajevo, from where it is distributed to all sides to the conflict in wider Sarajevo. We are permanently unsatisfied with the percentage and quality of the aid which is sent to the health institutions in the Serb part of Sarajevo. We are not at all satisfied with your explanation that this aid, in principle, is planned according to needs and your assessments in the field, respectively, and not according to the real ratio of the number of inhabitants and the number of health institutions which are under the control of the authorities in Sarajevo and those under the control of the authorities in the Republic of Srpska. My colleagues have tried at several meetings to call your attention to these facts and to the, according to our opinion, unequal treatment of the Serb side with regard to the division of aid provided by you. Unfortunately, except for WHO and UNHCR, other organizations have not shown enough understanding for our arguments and we will be very soon in the position to check completely our cooperation with them.

As you know, our proposal has been to create together with us (we also agree that you do the same together with the other side) monthly aid distribution plans. And at the end of each month, we would analyse has the Serb side really received one third of that aid. We have agreed to this type of compromise, because we know that it is technically not possible to set aside immediately 30% of the pallets which arrive to the Sarajevo Airport for our side.

However, if you are not going to show understanding for this proposal, we will be not ready for any type of cooperation with you, what means that then also the other side will not receive anymore regular aid deliveries from you.

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We would like to ask you to inform the headquarters of your organizations about our attitude and to inform us as soon as possible about everything.

Sincerely yours,

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- Headquarters of the Army
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- Mr. Zdravko Jeftic
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