

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
7 March 2001

Mr. Neewoor (Mauritius):

My delegation welcomes the Foreign Minister of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the Security Council Chamber, and thanks him for the briefing he has given us. My delegation condemns the acts of violence in northern Macedonia by Albanian extremists. We appreciate the fact that the Government of Macedonia has exercised great restraint in addressing the situation resulting from the action of the Albanian extremists. We have no doubt that the Kosovo Force and the **United** Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo will provide full support to the Government of Macedonia in addressing the situation. Macedonia is an example of a stable, multi-ethnic democracy and deserves the full support of the Security Council for the proposals that the Minister presented to manage the crisis imposed on it by the Albanian militants. We assure the Minister of our total support, and we endorse the presidential statement that will be issued at the end of our meeting.