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### **Letter dated 28 February 2022 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to forward to you a letter from the Serb member of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Presidency, Milorad Dodik, dated 28 February 2022 (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* Vassily **Nebenzia**



**Annex to the letter dated 28 February 2022 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

The Cabinet of the Serb member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina has the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the Serb member of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Presidency, Milorad Dodik, addressed to Vassily A. Nebenzia, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations and President of the United Nations Security Council (see enclosure).

Sarajevo, 28 February 2022

## Enclosure

In the capacity of the Serb member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and in the light of the current situation in Ukraine, I hereby refer to the personal, unilateral and unauthorized move of the current Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations, Sven Alkalaj, to declare that Bosnia and Herzegovina is to be a co-sponsor of the United States-Albania resolution to condemn the actions of Russia towards Ukraine.

Due to the firm position of the Republic of Srpska, the relevant institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina responsible for foreign policy have not reached a unanimous stand on the events in eastern Ukraine in terms of condemning the Russian Federation.

Therefore, any action or statement given in this reference is to be considered as null and void, private and not on behalf of Bosnia and Herzegovina, neither of the Bosnia and Herzegovina institutions nor of the Bosnia and Herzegovina constituent peoples.

While fully supporting all agreements that refer to the urgent cessation of violence and war actions between Ukraine and the Russian Federation, Bosnia and Herzegovina – which suffered in all the wars during the whole of the twentieth century and especially during the last one, the civil, ethnic war in 1992–1995 – should not choose sides.

Bosnia and Herzegovina is to be impartial and neutral, and not in support of any particular side in this conflict, but in support of peace and peaceful settlement of the current events.

All national, and even more, international actors must be aware of this fact and act responsibly for the sake of stability and peace, not only in eastern Ukraine but in Bosnia and Herzegovina too.

Bosnia and Herzegovina is a confederation consisting of two entities and three constituent peoples. Each and every decision or statement to be delivered at any international forum is to be agreed by the representatives of the aforementioned. If the agreement is lacking and these kinds of letters are neglected, then we have a situation of illegal representation based on a false pretence solely aimed at dispersing misinformation that does not reflect the actual situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Any and every act of the international community that does not respect the aforementioned fact as to the internal governmental structure in Bosnia and Herzegovina is a risk to the stability, security and peace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In this sense, I kindly ask you to peruse the authority entitled to the position you hold as the President of the United Nations Security Council and to ensure that all relevant bodies within the system of the United Nations are informed of the absence of authorization that is usually granted to any official to speak on behalf of their country, but not to Mr. Alkalaj, who is constantly and repeatedly abusing the position he holds to endanger the process of reconciliation and the reforms achieved so far in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In the hope that you will take seriously the unenviable situation that is the cause of the present letter, I am taking the opportunity to reiterate the assurances of my highest consideration.

*(Signed)* Milorad **Dodik**  
Serb member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina