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Dear Professor Ardzinba,

I have the honour to refer to resolution 858 (1993) of 24 August 1993 by which the Security Council, inter alia, welcomed the signing on 27 July 1993 of the cease-fire agreement and welcomed the Secretary-General's report of 6 August 1993, contained in document S/26250, and decided to establish the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (hereinafter referred to as "UNOMIG") to be deployed to the region. In the above-mentioned resolution, the Security Council further decided that UNOMIG shall be entrusted with the following mandate: to verify compliance with the cease-fire agreement of 27 July 1993 with special attention to the situation in the City of Sukhumi; to investigate reports of cease-fire violations and to attempt to resolve such incidents with the parties involved; and to report to the Secretary-General on the implementation of its mandate including, in particular, violations of the cease-fire agreement.

In order to facilitate the tasks of UNOMIG, the latter shall enjoy together with its property, funds and assets the status, privileges and immunities, rights and facilities necessary for the fulfilment of its mandate.

In view of the importance of the functions which UNOMIG will perform in implementation of Security Council resolution 858 (1993), its personnel shall enjoy the following privileges and immunities:

- The Chief Military Observer and other high-ranking members of UNOMIG, shall enjoy the privileges and immunities, exemptions and facilities which are granted to diplomatic envoys in accordance with international law;

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- Military Observers and other persons, except for officials of the United Nations Secretariat, assigned to serve with UNOMIG, shall enjoy the privileges and immunities accorded to experts performing missions for the United Nations under Article VI of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations;
- Officials of the United Nations Secretariat assigned to serve with UNOMIG shall enjoy the privileges and immunities to which they are entitled under Articles V and VII of the above-mentioned Convention.

The privileges and immunities necessary for the fulfilment of the functions of UNOMIG also include: freedom of entry and exit, without delay or hindrance of its personnel, property, supplies, equipment, spare parts and means of transport; complete freedom of movement on land, sea and in the air of personnel, equipment, property, supplies, spare parts and means of transport; the exemption from all direct taxes, import and export duties and registration fees and charges; the acceptance of the United Nations registration of means of transport on land, sea and in the air and United Nations licensing of the operators thereof; the right to fly the United Nations flag on premises, observation posts, vehicles, aircraft and vessels; and the right of unrestricted communication by radio, satellite or any other forms of communication including coded messages within the area of operation and to connect with the United Nations radio and satellite network, as well as by telephone, telegraph or other means.

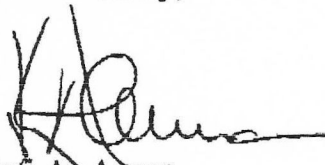
It is understood that UNOMIG shall be provided at no cost to the United Nations, all such premises as may be necessary for the accommodation and fulfilment of its functions. All such premises shall be inviolable and subject to the exclusive control and authority of the United Nations. Without prejudice to the use by the United Nations of its own means of transport and communication, it is understood that UNOMIG shall, when required, be provided at no cost to the United Nations, with necessary means of transport and communication.

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It is expected that UNOMIG personnel shall be provided, where necessary and upon request of the Chief Military Observer, with maps and other information including location of minefields and other dangers and impediments which might be useful in facilitating its task and movements, it being understood that information on location of minefields shall be provided subject to its availability.

Further, it is expected that UNOMIG shall be provided with the necessary protection in order to ensure its safety and security during the course of its mission.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Annan', written over a horizontal line.

Kofi A. Annan
Under-Secretary-General
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