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SECURITY COUNCIL EXPRESSES 'DEEP CONCERN' AT DETERIORATION
OF SITUATION IN NAGORNO-KARABAKH

Appeals for Immediate Cease-Fire,
Support for Negotiations at Minsk Conference

Following this afternoon's meetings of the Security Council, the President of the Council, Li Daoyu (China), made the following statement to the press:

The members of the Security Council are deeply concerned by recent reports on the deterioration of the situation relating to Nagorno-Karabakh with heavy losses of human life and widespread material damage.

The members of the Council strongly appeal to all parties and others concerned for an immediate cease-fire and support the efforts of the Minsk Conference on the question of Nagorno-Karabakh, within the framework of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) as well as the preparatory negotiations held in Rome. They urge all parties and others concerned to cooperate closely with the CSCE and to participate positively in the negotiations with a view to reaching a peaceful settlement of their disputes as early as possible. They have noted that the Secretary-General dispatched fact-finding missions to the region and was ready to send observers to the above CSCE negotiations.

The members of the Council will consider, further, the role of the United Nations in Nagorno-Karabakh at an appropriate time in the light of the development of the situation in the area.

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