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The Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the latter's note No. DESA/03/153 of 9 July 2003 requesting contributions to his report pursuant to General Assembly resolution 56/110 of 14 December 2001 concerning Economic assistance to the Eastern European States affected by the developments in the Balkans, has the honour to inform the Secretary-General of the following concerning Danish humanitarian and reconstruction assistance to the Western Balkan

During the reporting period, 1 January 2002 – 31 July 2003, in keeping with its Plan of Action, the Danish Government has continued to grant humanitarian relief and reconstruction assistance to countries in the Western Balkan. The bulk of the assistance was provided to Kosovo, while Serbia and Montenegro, Albania, and Macedonia accounted for significant shares. Total Danish Assistance to the region since 1999 amounts to approximately 1.5 billion Danish Kroner (equivalent to approx. 230 million US dollars). Of this amount, in 2002-2003, the Government approved 159 million Danish Kroner (approx. 25 million US dollars).

His Excellency the Secretary-General  
of the United Nations

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The change in the volume of assistance reflects a shift from humanitarian emergency relief, channelled through the UN system and Danish NGOs, to assistance towards reconstructing houses and infrastructure, addressing environmental pollution, resettling returning refugees and internally displaced persons, providing, psycho-social counselling, education and vocational training, supporting small-scale economic activities, and building institutional capacities, mainly through NGOs, private enterprises and local institutions, including UNMIK.

Pursuant to a Government decision passed in 2001, the humanitarian and reconstruction assistance programme to the Western Balkan will be phased out at the end of 2003. Thus, in the reporting period, particular emphasis was placed on building capacities to enable local institutions and organizations to continue the activities set in train by the programme.

For further information the Permanent Mission of Denmark attaches copy of a survey on Danish bilateral assistance to the stability pact countries for the period of 1990-2002.

The Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, August 6, 2003

