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4. (U) BERISHA USED HIS END-OF-YEAR PRESS CONFERENCE TO STRESS RUGOVA'S ROLE IN REPRESENTING THE DIGNITY OF THE ALBANIANS OF KOSOVO AND THEIR CAUSE. THE ALBANIAN PRESIDENT REITERATED ALBANIA'S POSITION AGAINST VIOLENCE AND FOR RESPECTING INTERNATIONAL BORDERS. HE ALSO REGISTERED APPROVAL FOR THE DEMONSTRATIONS IN BELGRADE, CALLING THEIR CAUSE A JUST ONE. THE PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO KEEP TO A POLICY WHICH FITS THE INTERESTS OF ALBANIANS IN KOSOVO -- STEP BY STEP ACHIEVEMENTS CENTERING AROUND NORMALIZING LIFE IN KOSOVO; BECOMING MORE ACTIVE IN REBUILDING INSTITUTIONS AND MAKING THEM FUNCTION, I.E., CONVENING THE KOSOVO PARLIAMENT ELECTED IN 1992 AND IMPLEMENTING THE EDUCATION AGREEMENTS; AND GAINING INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT AND

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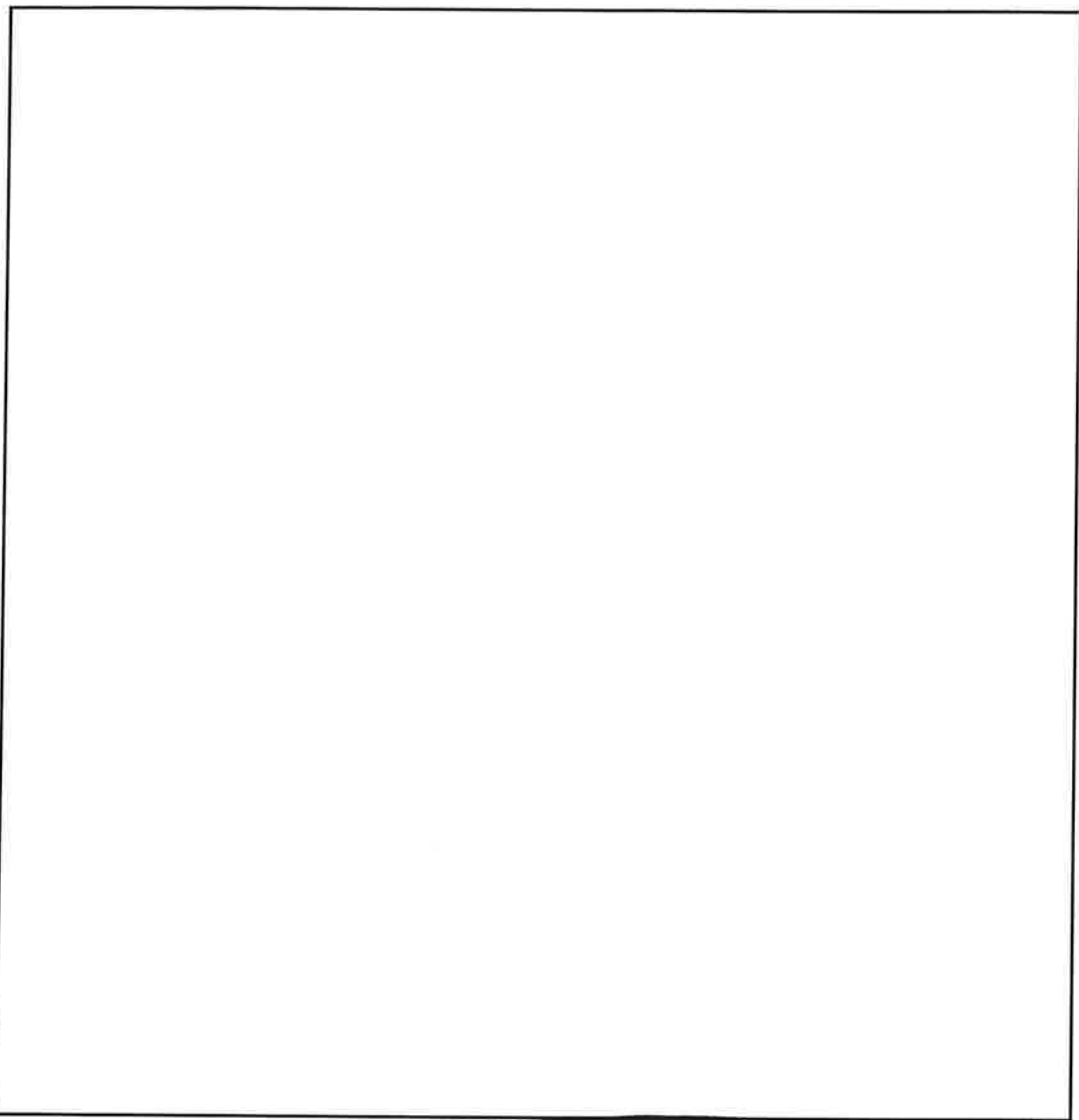
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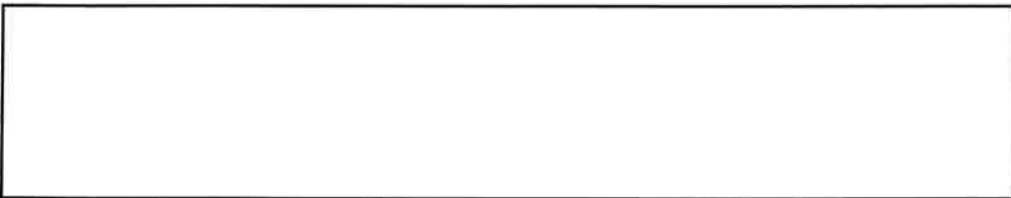
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7. (U) DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER/FOREIGN MINISTER

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TRITAN SHEHU, IN HIS YEAR'S-END PRESS CONFERENCE, CALLED SERBIA'S DEMOCRATIZATION AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN SOLVING THE KOSOVO QUESTION CALLED KOSOVO THE HEART OF THE REGION'S INSTABILITY. KOSOVARS MUST SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS THROUGH ACTIVE YET PEACEFUL MEANS, BUT, HE SAID, KOSOVO MUST REMAIN IN THE MINDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS WELL. SINCE OTHER NATIONALITIES IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA HAD THE RIGHT TO POLITICAL SELF-DETERMINATION, KOSOVARS SHOULD NOT BE DENIED THE

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SAME RIGHT. SHEHU ADDED, ALL SHOULD RESPECT THE WILL OF THE KOSOVARS AND THEIR LEGAL ORGANS. SHEHU THEN THANKED PRESIDENT CLINTON FOR HIS SUPPORT TOWARDS THE PROBLEMS IN KOSOVO.

8. (U) ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, SHEHU SENT ADEM DEMACI A MESSAGE ON HIS ELECTION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PARLIAMENTARY PARTY OF KOSOVO. THE MESSAGE READS IN PART, AS UNOFFICIALLY TRANSLATED IN THE PRESS, "YOUR DIRECT COMMITMENT TO THE POLITICAL LIFE OF KOSOVO IS AN IMPORTANT EVENT NOT ONLY FOR THE TWO MILLION ALBANIANS IN KOSOVO WHO ARE EXPERIENCING THE LAST OCCUPATION IN EUROPE, BUT FOR THE ENTIRE ALBANIAN NATION. THE ALBANIAN MOVEMENT IN KOSOVO FOR FREEDOM, HUMAN AND NATIONAL RIGHTS, OUR ENTIRE NATION AND ITS FRIENDS EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD AND THE INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC OPINION FIND IN YOUR PERSONALITY THE MANDELA OF EUROPE. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY (NOTE: OF ALBANIA. END NOTE.) IS FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN THE COURSE OF PROCESSES, THE INTEGRATION OF THE ALBANIAN QUESTION. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS AN UNFLINCHING STAND FOR THE ROLE AND CONTRIBUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE AND PRESIDENT RUGOVA IN THE SOLUTION TO THE NATIONAL QUESTION. IT SUPPORTS AND CONSIDERS YOUR COOPERATION AND THAT OF OTHER PERSONALITIES OF KOSOVO WITH PRESIDENT RUGOVA, THE COOPERATION OF THE POLITICAL FORCES IN KOSOVO AND OUTSIDE IT, THE BEGINNING OF THE WORK OF THE PARLIAMENT IN KOSOVO, THE ADOPTION OF ALL ACTIVE PEACEFUL PROTESTS, THE VALUATION OF THE HISTORIC

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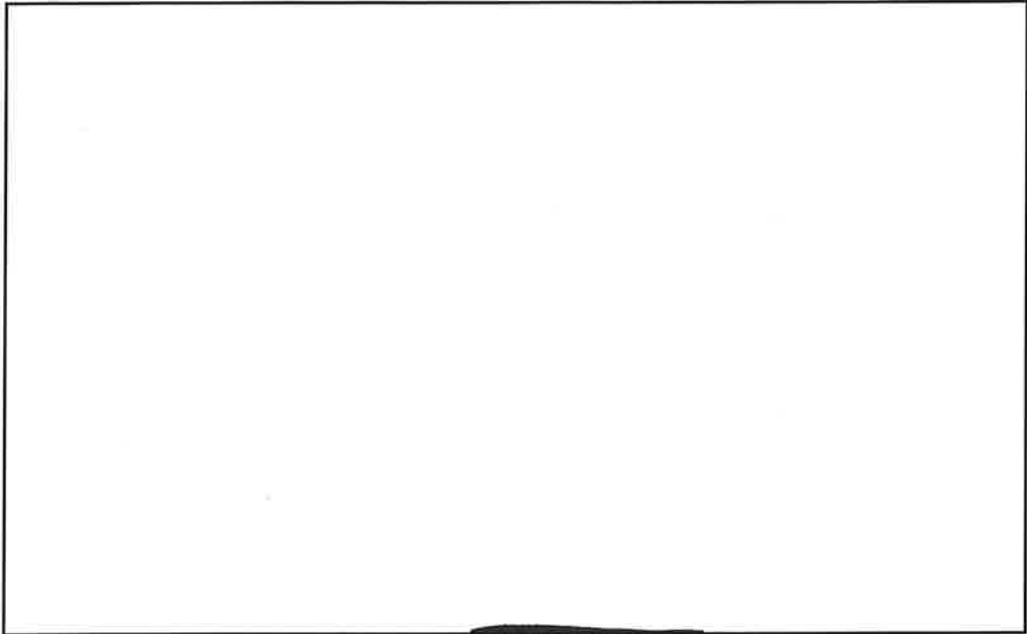
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MOMENT WITH HISTORICAL RESPONSIBILITY AS THE MOST
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