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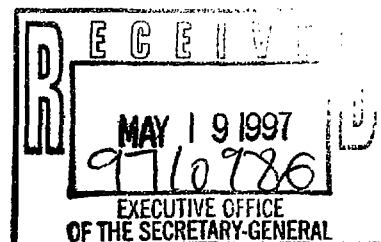
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*Mr. Prendergast  
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New York, 16 May 1997

*Dear Secretary General,*

I would like to inform you that the General Affairs Council of the EU has favourably considered, in its meeting of 29 April 1997, the Italian proposal to call for an international conference on Albania with the aim of promoting the political stabilization and the economic recovery of the Country.

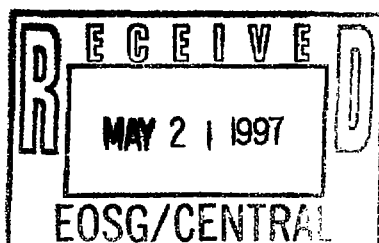
Italy has taken the initiative to held in Rome a preparatory conference on 26 May 1997, at high-officials level, to pave the way to the Ministerial Conference, to be held on 18 June 1997. The latter will represent an important political signal, showing also the existing international support to Albania, including the internal reconciliation process and the holding of elections.

An invitation is being extended to EU Member States, Multinational Protection Force participating countries, the European Commission, the United States, Japan, Russian Federation, the W.E.U. and OSCE Presidencies, the OSCE Special Envoy, Mr. Vranitzky. IFIs and the interested international organizations are also invited. The Albanian Authorities have already confirmed their attendance.

On behalf of my Government, I have the honour to invite your Excellency to be represented at the preparatory conference on Monday, 26 May 1997 at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs..

A detailed program of the event will follow.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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