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The Prosecutor's statement regarding the Tribunal's jurisdiction over Kosovo

The Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia has in the past made it a practice not to comment on ongoing investigations. However, recent event in Kosovo are an exceptional circumstance and the Prosecutor wishes to point out that the Statute of the Tribunal, which was adopted by the United Nations Security Council in March 1993, empowers the Tribunal to prosecute persons responsible for serious violations of international humanitarian law committed in the territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991. This jurisdiction is ongoing and covers the recent violence in Kosovo.

In this regard, the Prosecutor is currently gathering information and evidence in relation to the Kosovo incidents and will continue to monitor any subsequent developments. Following her recent visit to Belgrade, the Prosecutor expects the full co-operation of the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in respect of investigations into the Kosovo situation.

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