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LETTER OF CONGRESSMAN DENNIS KUCINICH,
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TO

SECRETARY OF STATE COLIN POWELL

CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT &
PEACEKEEPING IN BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

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The Honorable Colin Powell
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am concerned about the negotiations in the United Nations Security Council concerning the renewal of the peace-keeping operation in Bosnia-Herzegovina and the related request of the US Ambassador, John Negroponte, to provide a blanket immunity for members of peace-keeping forces from the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

The United States' involvement in peace-keeping missions in the Balkans is critical. I am concerned that Ambassador Negroponte's recent actions could be viewed as undermining U.S. commitment to this multilateral action and international law.

I urge the administration to reaffirm its commitment to peacekeeping in Bosnia-Herzegovina and to stop the current negotiations, which are both detrimental to the cause of justice and accountability as well as the credibility of the UN Security Council and its peace-keeping and peace-making efforts throughout the world.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Kucinich
Member of Congress

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