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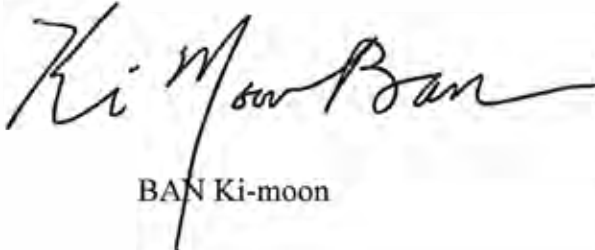
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Dear Mr. President,

Pursuant to Security Council Resolutions 1575 (2004), 1639 (2005), 1722 (2006), 1785 (2007), 1845 (2008), 1895 (2009), 1948 (2010), 2019 (2011) and 2074 (2012), I have the honour to convey the attached letter dated 12 November 2013, which I received from Ms. Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, transmitting the thirty-fifth report on the activities of the European Union Military Operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The report covers the period from 1 June to 31 August 2013.

I should be grateful if you would bring the report to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.


BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Liu Jieyi
President of the Security Council
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Please find attached for your approval and SG's signature, a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council transmitting the thirty-fifth quarterly report on the activities of the EU Military Operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (EUFOR), covering the period from 1 June to 31 August 2013.

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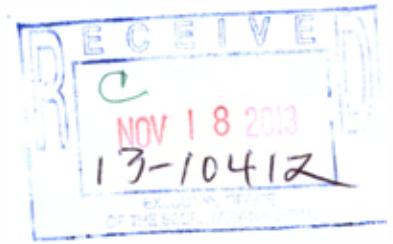
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Note to Mr. Eliasson

✓ BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA – EUFOR



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for Jeffrey Feltman
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Via EU Delegation

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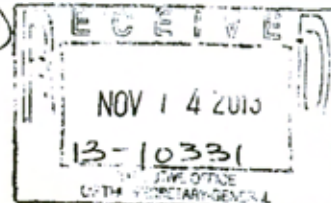
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Dear Secretary General,

In accordance with UNSCR 1575 (2004), UNSCR 1639 (2005), UNSCR 1722 (2006), UNSCR 1785 (2007), UNSCR 1845 (2008), UNSCR 1895 (2009), UNSCR 1948 (2010), UNSCR 2019 (2011) and UNSCR 2074 (2012) please find enclosed the thirty fifth three-monthly report on Operation ALTHEA to the United Nations Security Council.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Ashton

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OPERATION ALTHEA – 35th QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Report by the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy on the activities of the European Union Military Operation (EUFOR) in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH).

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This report covers the period from 1 June to 31 August 2013.
2. United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1575 (2004), 1639 (2005), 1722 (2006), 1785 (2007), 1845 (2008), 1895 (2009), 1948 (2010), 2019 (2011) and 2074 (2012) request that Member States, acting through or in cooperation with the EU, report to the Council on the activities of EUFOR at least at three monthly intervals. This is the thirty fifth such report.

II. POLITICAL BACKGROUND

3. Within the reporting period, the lack of a common vision amongst political parties and the persistent trend to politicize and "ethnitize" even matters of a technical nature continued to affect the functionality of BiH political and administrative structures, and hampered progress on European integration and other reforms. The political crisis in the Federation of BiH (FBiH) remained unresolved and put strains on the work of the entity Government and the Parliamentary Assembly.
4. At the beginning of June mass public protests in Sarajevo and Banja Luka called on political leaders to undertake measures ensuring good governance and improving social justice. The BiH government took a temporary decision to satisfy their key demands however, the permanent solution needs to be put in place by the end of the year. Otherwise, the protesters warned of resuming their action. Following these events, the work of the state level institutions was disrupted, including BiH Parliament, which suspended work for a period of one month.
5. The initiative of an expert group to reform the FBiH constitution has received much deserved public attention, with subsequent discussion in the parliament and decision of the Government to follow-up on the initiative. However, main political parties remain divided on the way

forward.

6. Just before Croatia's accession to the EU, the Agreements on Border Crossing points, Local Border Traffic and transit to and from Ploče port and through Neum corridor were signed and entered into force before July 1st, 2013, and facilitated transit of goods and persons between the two Countries. However, BiH trade with Croatia in a range of agricultural and food products was negatively affected due to the inability of BiH institutions to meet the EU requirements for food safety in time. The EU continues to assist BiH towards implementation of the necessary measures. Until then, the loss of export revenues may affect BiH farmers and food processing companies.
7. BiH failed to achieve any tangible progress on its Euro-Atlantic integration path and on structural reforms. However, the renewed commitment to BiH European perspective, which the EU member States expressed in the conclusions of the July Council of the European Union, Croatia's accession to the EU on 1st of July, and the EU's decision to open Accession negotiations with Serbia could highlight to the BiH political leadership the urgency of addressing the remaining obstacles for EU-BiH Stabilisation and Association Agreement to enter into force.
8. The July Conclusions of the Council of the European Union urged Bosnia and Herzegovina to bring its Constitution into compliance with the European Convention on Human Rights by implementing the ECtHR ruling in the Sejdic/Finci case. BiH political parties with the support of the EU facilitation are looking for a political agreement on the necessary constitutional changes ahead of the October 2014 general elections.
9. No tangible progress was registered on fulfilling the outstanding condition for the activation of the NATO Membership Action Plan. The issue of registration of immovable defence property as State property was introduced in a parliamentary process in the BiH House of Representatives on 6 June. Major disagreements between the Bosniak and Serb parties have not allowed for more progress.
10. The implementation of the IMF Stand-by Arrangement and the positive decision on the disbursement of the 2nd tranche of EU Macro-Financial Assistance to BiH remained critical for the sustainability of the economic and social situation in the country.

11. The comprehensive approach, promoted by the reinforced EU presence on the ground and the continued close cooperation between EUSR and Operation Althea consolidated and strengthened EU's engagement in BiH. The EU and EU related issues dominated the political and public agenda.

III. SECURITY SITUATION & EUFOR ACTIVITIES

12. The overall security situation in BiH remained calm and stable throughout the reporting period. Inflammatory nationalistic rhetoric continued, however, the safe and secure environment (SASE) was maintained. The number of inter-ethnic incidents remained a concern. Their number is at the same levels as those of the same period of 2012.
13. On 5 June 13, the BiH Parliament adopted a temporary Law on Single Reference Number which triggered public protests in Sarajevo. The activity of the Parliament was blocked for more than a month. Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) proved capable of maintaining control and restored order.
14. Operation ALTHEA continued its main effort in Capacity-Building and Training while retaining the means to contribute to the BiH authorities' deterrence capacity.
15. The shared EU/NATO Over the horizon Reserve Forces capability was limited to one battalion. The Italian Operational Reserve Force (ORF) Battalion has been available as ORF to EUFOR with a modified readiness posture from 1 July 2013 for the following six months. The Intermediate Reserve was fully resourced.
16. In support of the OSCE, EUFOR continued to monitor and advise BiH authorities within activities related to ammunition and weapons storage sites, the civilian and military movement of weapons and military equipment, the disposal of surplus weapons and ammunition and defence industry factories. EUFOR also worked with international partners to try and increase the disposal rate of surplus ammunition.
17. The Armed Forces of BiH (AFBiH) progress in taking control and managing the ammunition, weapons and explosives (AWE) surplus was encouraging. The BiH Minister of Defence made that issue a priority. A "Strategic Board" under his leadership and a "Coordination Body" led by the AFBiH Deputy Chief of Joint Staff have been created to proceed with this process. The

Strategic Board brings together the principals of international organizations and bilateral embassies that provide assistance to this issue. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in partnership with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Mission to BiH, started the implementation of a project to dispose of the surplus AWE, to further build the capacity of the defence apparatus and to increase the safety and security of storage sites. This project is funded by the EU with €3.8 million.

IV. OUTLOOK

18. The security situation is expected to remain calm and stable. The elections in 2014 as well as the further handling of the result of the census, deserve careful attention, against the backdrop of a fragile socio-economic situation.
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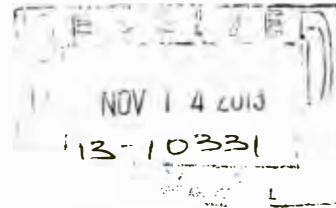


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Excellency,

Please find attached a letter and attachment addressed to H.E. the Secretary-General of the United Nations from High Representative/Vice-President Catherine Ashton, transmitting the 35th Report on Operation ALTHEA.

I would be grateful if you could relay these documents to the Secretary-General.

Thomas Mayr-Harting
Ambassador



Ms. Susana Malcorra
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