



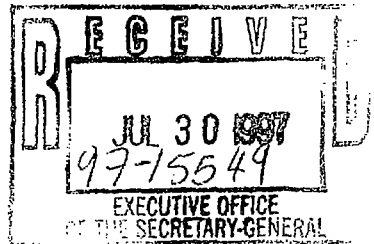
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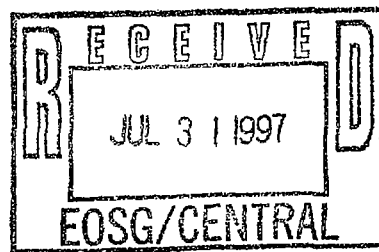
New York, 30 July 1997

Excellency,

I have the honor to submit the tenth report on the multinational protection force for Albania. This report is submitted pursuant to the requirement set out in paragraph 9 of Security Council Resolution 1114 (1997) of 19 June 1997, in which the Council requested the Member States participating in the multinational protection force to provide reports, at least every two weeks, through the Secretary-General, to the Council. The ninth such report was conveyed to you on July 15, 1997.

I should be grateful if you could have the text of the present letter and the tenth report (see annex) circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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



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MULTINATIONAL PROTECTION FORCE

POLITICAL GUIDANCE

5. The Steering Committee, consisting of the political directors of the 11 troop-contributing countries and the Commander of the operation, continues to follow the overall situation on the ground and the full compliance of the activities of the Force with the Security Council mandate. It had meetings on 4, 9, 14, 23 and 30 April, 6, 13, 14 and 22 May, 4, 10, 20, 25 and 29 June, 2, 15, 23 and 30 July.

6. Representatives of the following international organisations attended the meetings of the Steering Committee as observers as appropriate: United Nations, Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), European Union (EU), Western European Union (WEU), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

COOPERATION WITH ALBANIAN AUTHORITIES AND WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

7. The Albanian Ambassador in Rome attended the Steering Committee meeting of 23 July and provided information about the political situation in Albania after the elections.

8. The Force has helped to create a secure environment during the electoral process, in particular for the OSCE/ODIHR missions, in the framework of UN Security Council mandate.

9. The Force facilitated the safe and prompt delivery of humanitarian assistance, which resumed after the elections, and helped creating a secure environment for the missions of international organisations in Albania including those providing humanitarian assistance, in accordance with the mandate provided by resolution 1114 (1997).

10. On 30 July the new Albanian Prime Minister Fatos Nano paid a visit to Italy together with Deputy Prime Minister Bashkim Fino, Minister of State Kastriot Islami, Foreign Minister Paskal Milo, Interior Minister Neritan Ceka, Defence Minister Sabit Brokaj, Finance Minister Arben Malaj and Minister of Justice Thimjo Kondi. They had meetings in Rome with Prime Minister Romano Prodi and their equivalents in the Italian Government.

11. A second international meeting on Albania has been convened in Rome for 31 July 1997 under the chairmanship of the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs Lamberto Dini. All the Force-contributing countries and Finland, Germany, Japan, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, the Russian Federation, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States have been invited to attend the meeting. The following international organisations have also been invited: UN and related agencies, EU, OSCE, Council of Europe, WEU, NATO, IMF, World Bank, EBRD, EIB and the ICRC. Albania will be represented by the Prime Minister and the above mentioned members of the Cabinet.

FORCE DEPLOYMENT

12. At the conclusion of the electoral process the Force started reducing its deployment although continuing, as appropriate reconnaissance, patrolling and escort missions.

13. The operational planning for the withdrawal of the Force provides for the following:

- the Austrian contingent completed its withdrawal on 26 July;
- the Belgian contingent completed its withdrawal on 24 July;
- the Danish contingent completed its withdrawal on 27 July;
- the Greek contingent will complete its withdrawal on 1 August;
- the Italian contingent will complete its withdrawal on 11 August;
- the French contingent will complete its withdrawal on 3 August;
- the Portuguese aeroplane will provide flights until 8 August;
- the Romanian contingent completed its withdrawal on 19 July;
- the Slovenian contingent completed its withdrawal on 25 July;
- the Spanish contingent completed its withdrawal on 23 July;
- the Turkish contingent will complete its withdrawal on 1 August;

The Force headquarters in Tirana will close on 11 August.

CONCLUSIONS

14. The Force has been an essential component of the response by the international community to the Albanian crisis. As the Force carried out its mandate, a considerable amount of humanitarian assistance reached the Albanian population, elections took place and a newly elected government was formed.

However the deep-rooted problems of the country will still need action by the international community. The experience acquired by the Force will help identifying possible measures.