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Dear Secretary General,

In accordance with paragraph 20 of UN Security Council Resolution 1244, I attach a report on KFOR operations covering the period from 1 January to 31 March 2015. I would appreciate you making this report available to the members of the UN Security Council.

Yours sincerely,

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His Excellency
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REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON KFOR OPERATIONS

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1. This report on KFOR is provided in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 1244 and covers the period 1 January to 31 March 2015.

2. As of 31 March 2015, the total number of KFOR troops in theatre remains approximately 4,600.

3. The main event during the reporting period was the resumption of the EU-facilitated high level dialogue between Belgrade and Pristina on 9 February, which resulted in an agreement on justice and the judiciary.

SECURITY SITUATION AND OPERATIONS

4. During the reporting period, the security situation in theatre remained calm in the southern part of Kosovo and reasonably stable in the northern part. The implementation of the EU-facilitated First Agreement of Principles governing the Normalisation of Relations reached by Belgrade and Pristina on 19 April 2013 continues to have a positive effect on the security situation and Freedom of Movement remains unimpeded Kosovo-wide.

5. Against this positive background, KFOR's mission to contribute to a Safe and Secure Environment and Freedom of Movement has continued as part of a comprehensive international effort.

6. During the reporting period, KFOR has continued to work in close coordination with the Kosovo Police and the European Rule of Law Mission (EULEX). KFOR remained ready to provide immediate intervention if required and also maintained full situational awareness. However, there was no requirement for KFOR's direct intervention.

7. The most significant public order incident in the reporting period was violence associated with two opposition-led demonstrations on 24 and 27 January. The Kosovo Police intervened with Crowd and Riot Control assets and made a number of arrests. No EULEX or KFOR intervention was required.

SUMMARY

8. During the reporting period, KFOR has continued to contribute to maintaining both a Safe and Secure Environment and ensuring Freedom of Movement in close coordination with EULEX and the Kosovo Police. The close coordination on the ground between KFOR, in its capacity as third responder, EULEX and the Kosovo Police continues to be highly effective.