

## Interim Peace Agreement

### The North Atlantic Council and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

Sponsors: Belgium, Canada, The Netherlands, The United Kingdom

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The signatory parties of this agreement respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. In addition to this, the signatory parties should act in a spirit of good faith in executing the terms of this agreement.

1.1 Upon signing the agreement, active hostilities will immediately cease among the belligerents of the crisis.

1.2 This agreement directs the immediate withdrawal of all FRY police, military and paramilitary forces in the direction to the Serbian and Montenegro national borders. This withdrawal will be monitored by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Kosovo Verification Mission and NATO over-flight reconnaissance.

1.3 FRY will recognize the existence of the Kosovo Implementation Force (KIFOR) and further, that KIFOR will be acting under the provision of Chapter VII in the Charter of the United Nations. KIFOR will be composed of NATO member states in conjunction with Partners for Peace as well as any willing participation by member-states of the United Nations.

2. This agreement calls upon all NATO member states and the international community, specifically the European Union and members of the Partnership for Peace, to provide adequate resources for humanitarian assistance in the region, specifically, towards the United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeal for Humanitarian Assistance Related to the Kosovo Crisis (UNCIAK).

3.1 The signatory parties demand the disarming and disbanding of the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) as overseen by KIFOR that can and may include NATO member states, the European Union and the Partnership for Peace.

3.2 The Kosovo Albanian Leadership will condemn all terrorist action as a prerequisite to the Athens talks and recognize the authority of NATO.

4. The members of this agreement reaffirm the "Right of Return" for all refugees and Internally Displaced Persons during the period of withdrawal, and underline the responsibility of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia for creating the conditions that allow these persons to return safely, to be assisted and overseen by such agencies as the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).

5.1 This agreement instructs renewed peaceful dialogue between the Kosovo Albanian leadership and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, as delineated in UNSC Resolution 1203 of 24 October 1998. The communication processes are to be held in Athens, Greece (Athens Round).

5.2 The issue of autonomy of Kosovo *within* the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is recognized with this agreement and will be further clarified under UN supervision at the Athens Talks.

6.1 The FRY shall recognize the creation of an ethnically-mixed police force under the guidance and supervision of KIFOR.

6.2 KIFOR will assume security duties in the region until such time.

6.3 Protection of Serbian national interests shall be honoured, specifically, the Trepeca mining complex, Serbian holy sites, a full list to be forwarded by the FRY to KIFOR.

7.1 The FRY shall invite the formation of an UN tribunal for the investigation of allegations of crimes against humanity and atrocities as defined under the FRY Constitution Article 10 as stated, "...shall recognize and guarantee the rights and freedoms of man and the citizen recognized under international law."

7.2 FRY and Kosovo Authorities will cooperate with the UN tribunal investigation without reservation.

8. FRY will recognize and respect the continuing monitoring by KIRFOR to ensure regional stability beyond this agreement.