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Letter dated 27 October 2005 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

Pursuant to Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), I have the honour to convey the attached report on the international security presence in Kosovo covering the period from 1 to 31 August (see annex).

I should be grateful if this letter could be brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. **Annan**

Annex

Monthly report to the United Nations on the operations of the Kosovo Force

1. This report covers the period from 1 to 31 August 2005.
2. As at 31 August 2005, the total number of troops in theatre was 16,223, which includes 2,763 troops from non-NATO countries.
3. There was no change in the status of partner/non-NATO country contributions.

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4. The overall situation in Kosovo remained calm but volatile. The inter-ethnic situation in Kosovo remains relatively calm, but unstable. There was a decrease of inter-ethnic incidents compared to the previous month.
5. During August 2005, no threats against KFOR facilities or soldiers were reported.
6. A total of 251 incidents related to drugs, weapons, counterfeit currency and other smuggling activities were reported during the month, compared to 323 incidents in the previous month. Weapons seizures made up the vast majority of incidents.
7. KFOR continues operations to prevent ethnic violence and protect patrimonial sites, and remains vigilant to deter possible threats directed against international organizations and military bases. The Force continues to improve its crowd and riot control capabilities in order to be better prepared to counter any resurgence in violence.

Compliance by the Federal Army of Serbia and Montenegro and the Ministry of Internal Affairs Special Police

8. No breaches of the Military Technical Agreement were reported during August 2005.

Kosovo Protection Corps

9. The number of personnel serving in the Kosovo Protection Corps (KPC) was 3,029 active members, including 157 minorities, at the end of August. The number of minorities displayed a slight increase from 149 (4.94%) at the end of July to 157 (5.18%). The percentage of minorities within KPC at the end of August remains far from the goal of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General but has shown a slight increase since the beginning of 2005. Although KPC continues to recruit and employ minorities, owing to the high level of absenteeism and the many disciplinary cases implemented by UNMIK, this remains unfruitful. Noticeable results have been achieved only in pick-up zone 6, where the percentage of minorities is very close to the 10 per cent goal of the Special Representative.
10. During August the KFOR Inspectorate for KPC cells of the Multinational Brigades carried out 47 roll calls: 1,054 out of 1,722 (61.21%) KPC personnel checked were on duty in their barracks; 168 (9.76%) personnel were on duty elsewhere. The active strength, duty in barracks and elsewhere, shows that on

average 70.96 per cent of KPC personnel attended work. While below the 75 per cent mandatory level, this is accounted for by an increasing number of personnel away on annual leave (24.16%).

11. Regular training was conducted on the basis of the annual plan. First aid training was conducted on 11 August by French firefighters of Multinational Brigade North-East in Mitrovica. On 30 August Multinational Brigade East conducted a seminar for pick-up zone Commanders at Tradoc. The purpose was to present the Officer Development Programme in detail in order to ensure that the Commanders understood their responsibilities and ensure support for the programme.

Conclusion

12. The general situation in Kosovo remains relatively calm with underlying tensions that will continue for the foreseeable future. The overall threat against KFOR personnel, vehicles and facilities is low because of the continued period of calm during the last few weeks. The overall threat to UNMIK and the rest of the international community is medium. KFOR remains vigilant in identifying any indications of any possible resurgence of violence.
