

CONTINUED U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF
PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS IN THE FORMER YUGO-
SLAVIA

COMMUNICATION

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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OF PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
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Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: In a report to the Congress of July 25, 2000, the previous Administration provided information on the deployment of combat-equipped U.S. Armed Forces to Bosnia and Herzegovina and other states in the region in order to participate in and support the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)-led Stabilization Force (SFOR). The SFOR began its mission and assumed authority from the NATO-led implementation force on December 20, 1996. I am providing this supplemental report, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, to help ensure that the Congress is kept fully informed on continued U.S. contributions in support of peacekeeping efforts in the former Yugoslavia.

The U.N. Security Council authorized Member States to continue SFOR for a period of 12 months in U.N. Security Council Resolution 1305 of June 21, 2000. The mission of SFOR is to provide a continued military presence in order to deter hostilities, stabilize and consolidate the peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, contribute to a secure environment, and provide, within its means and capabilities, selective support to key areas and key civil implementation organizations.

The U.S. force contribution to SFOR in Bosnia and Herzegovina is approximately 4,400 personnel. United States personnel comprise just under 21 percent of the total SFOR force of approximately 21,000 personnel. During the second half of 2000, 17 NATO nations and 17 others, including Russia, provided military personnel or other support to SFOR. Most U.S. forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina are assigned to Multinational Division, North, centered on the city of Tuzla. Other U.S. military personnel are deployed to other countries in the region in support of SFOR. Specifically, approximately 650 U.S. military personnel are presently deployed to Hungary, Croatia, and Italy in order to provide logistical and other support. The U.S. forces continue to support SFOR efforts to apprehend persons indicted for war crimes. In the last 6 months, U.S. forces have not sustained any combat-related fatalities.

The participation of U.S. Armed Forces in these operations has been directed pursuant to the President's constitutional authority to conduct U.S. foreign relations and as Commander in Chief and Chief Executive, and in accordance with various statutory authorities.

I am providing this report to keep the Congress fully informed about developments in Bosnia and Herzegovina and other states in the region. I will consult closely with the Congress regarding our efforts to foster peace and stability in the former Yugoslavia.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH.

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