

Federation, NATO staff, UN Secretariat and the Commander of UNPROFOR was held in The Hague from 19-20 December in which participants formulated a number of military recommendations to enhance UNPROFOR's effectiveness.

The results of the meeting were unanimous. There was "a unified resolve to continue UNPROFOR's mission in order to help alleviate the suffering of the civilian population in conflicts areas of the former Yugoslavia. Furthermore, the meeting recognized the important role UNPROFOR is playing in creating the conditions favorable to the

eventual achievement of a negotiated settlement."

The meeting's specific recommendations cover various steps for improving the capabilities, effectiveness and the freedom of movement of UNPROFOR and reducing its vulnerability. These include measures:

Enhancing the effectiveness and self-defense capabilities of UNPROFOR. Examples include equipment, communications enhancements and the improvement of liaison between UNPROFOR and the warring parties.

Facilitating the delivery of humanitarian aid to Sarajevo and the enclaves.

Finally, the meeting reaffirmed the crucial important of maintaining UNPROFOR's impartial mission until a negotiated settlement can be reached.

At this time, capitals are examining potential national contributions that could be made with an aim towards an improvement in UNPROFOR's effectiveness.

Mr. Chairman, I thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today, and I would be happy to entertain your questions at this time.