UN Security Council resolution 908 (1994) on extension of the mandate and increase of the personnel of the UN Protection Force

RESOLUTION 908 (1994)

Adopted by the Security Council at its 3356th meeting,

on 31 March 1994

The Security Council,

Recalling all its previous relevant resolutions on the conflicts in the territory of the former Yugoslavia and *reaffirming* in this context its resolution 871 (1993) on the mandate of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR),

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General of 11 March 1994 (S/1994/291), 16 March 1994 (S/1994/300) and 24 March 1994 (S/1994/333 and Add.1), and his letter of 30 March 1994 (S/1994/367),

Having also considered the letter of the President of the Republic of Croatia dated 16 March 1994 (S/1994/305),

Emphasizing the need for a negotiated settlement accepted by all parties,
and *welcoming* the continuing efforts of the Co-Chairmen of the Steering Committee of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia,

Welcoming also the cease-fire agreement between the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Bosnian Croat party, and the signature of the Washington framework agreements between the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Bosnian Croat party, as steps towards an overall settlement,

Underlining the importance of involving the Bosnian Serb party in further efforts to achieve an overall negotiated settlement,

Welcoming the cease-fire agreement signed on 29 March 1994 between the Republic of Croatia and the local Serb authorities in the United Nations Protected Areas (UNPAs), which was facilitated by the Russian Federation, the United States of America, the European Union and the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia,

Welcoming also the discussions between the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro),

pursuant to the joint
statement of 19 January 1994,

Welcoming further the recent significant progress achieved in and around
Sarajevo and *stressing* that a strong and visible presence of UNPROFOR in this
area, as well as in other areas of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and
the Republic of Croatia, within the framework of its mandate, is essential to
consolidate such progress,

Recalling the statement by the President of the Security Council of
14 March 1994 (S/PRST/1994/11) and the joint letter of Bosnia and Herzegovina
and Croatia dated 17 March 1994 (S/1994/308) and, in this context, *taking note*
of the recent developments in Maglaj,

Determined to put an end to the suffering of the civilian population in and
around Maglaj,

Welcoming the ongoing efforts aimed at the reopening of Tuzla airport for
humanitarian purposes,

Welcoming also the work undertaken by the joint civil mission to Sarajevo
of the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and the United States of America,

Welcoming further the dispatch of the European Union fact-finding mission
to Mostar with a view to helping improve living conditions in that city and
contributing to the implementation of the agreements between the parties on it,

Reiterating its determination to ensure the security of UNPROFOR and its
freedom of movement for all its missions, and to these ends, as regards UNPROFOR
in the Republic of Croatia and in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, *acting*
under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

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1.*Welcomes* the reports of the Secretary-General of 11 March 1994
(S/1994/291), 16 March 1994 (S/1994/300) and 24 March 1994 (S/1994/333), and his
letter of 30 March 1994 (S/1994/367);

2.*Reaffirms* its commitment to ensure respect for the sovereignty and
territorial integrity of the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Bosnia and
Herzegovina and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, where UNPROFOR is
deployed;

3.*Decides* to extend UNPROFOR’s mandate for an additional period
terminating on 30 September 1994;

4.*Recognizes* the need, following recent progress, for increased resources for UNPROFOR described in the Secretary-General's reports of 11 March 1994 (S/1994/291) and 16 March 1994 (S/1994/300) and his letter of 30 March 1994 (S/1994/367); *decides*, as an initial step, to authorize an increase of UNPROFOR personnel by up to 3,500 additional troops; *further decides* to take action by 30 April 1994 at the latest on the further troop requirements recommended by the Secretary- General in the above-mentioned documents, with a view to providing UNPROFOR with the means necessary for implementation of its mandate;

5.*Approves* UNPROFOR's plans described in the Secretary-General's report of 24 March 1994 (S/1994/333), for the reopening of Tuzla airport for humanitarian purposes and *authorizes* additional resources requested in paragraph 14 of this report for these purposes;

6.*Calls upon* Member States to assist the Secretary-General to implement paragraphs 4 and 5 above by contributing personnel, equipment and training;

7.*Urges* that necessary arrangements be concluded, including, where appropriate, agreements on the status of forces and other personnel with the Republic of Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Federal

Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro);

8.*Decides* that Member States, acting nationally or through regional organizations or arrangements, may take, under the authority of the Security Council and subject to close coordination with the Secretary-General and UNPROFOR, all necessary measures to extend close air support to the territory of the Republic of Croatia, in defence of UNPROFOR personnel in the performance of UNPROFOR's mandate, as recommended by the Secretary-General in paragraph 12 of his report of 16 March 1994 (S/1994/300);

9.*Urges* the Republic of Croatia and the local Serb authorities in the UNPAs to comply with the cease-fire agreement *signed* on 29 March 1994 (S/1994/367, annex); *and welcomes* the efforts undertaken by UNPROFOR towards implementing this agreement;

10.*Urges also* all the parties and others concerned to cooperate with UNPROFOR in reaching and implementing an agreement on confidence-building measures in all regions of the Republic of Croatia including the UNPAs; *further urges* the Republic of Croatia and the local Serb authorities in the UNPAs, *inter alia*, to revive the Joint Commission process with regard to communication links and economic issues; and *recognizes*, in this context, the importance of

the immediate reopening of the Adriatic oil pipeline for the economies of the
Republic of Croatia and of the other countries in the region;

11.*Endorses* the proposals in Part II of the report of the Secretary-General of 11 March 1994 (S/1994/291) on "arrangements relating to the
cease-fire and ensuring the freedom of movement in and around Sarajevo",
including the additional tasks set out in paragraph 14 thereof, *emphasizes* the
need for UNPROFOR to deploy its resources in a flexible manner, in particular in
and around the safe areas, and *authorizes* UNPROFOR to carry out these tasks in
relation to the cease-fire entered into by the Government of the Republic of
Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Bosnian Croat party, and, following a report by
the Secretary-General and within existing resources, in relation to any further
cease-fire agreed between the parties in Bosnia and Herzegovina in pursuit of
the peace process;

12.*Encourages* the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the
Former Yugoslavia, in cooperation with the authorities of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, to use his good offices as appropriate to contribute to
the maintenance of peace and stability in that Republic;

13.*Urges* the parties to seize the opportunity provided by UNPROFOR's
continuation to bring the peace process to successful conclusion;

14.*Requests* the Secretary-General to keep it regularly informed on progress towards implementation of the United Nations peace-keeping plan for the Republic of Croatia and all relevant Security Council resolutions, taking into account the position of the Government of the Republic of Croatia as well as on the outcome of the negotiations within the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia, and *decides* to reconsider UNPROFOR's mandate at any time according to the developments on the ground and in the negotiations;

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15.*Welcomes* the appointment by the Secretary-General of a senior civilian official for the restoration of essential public services in and around Sarajevo in accordance with the provisions of resolution 900 (1994) (S/1994/368);

16.*Commends* in this context the setting up of the Interim Coordination Board (ICBO) to assess the situation in Sarajevo in order to facilitate the task of this senior official;

17.*Welcomes* the establishment by the Secretary-General on 21 March 1994 of a voluntary trust fund for the restoration of essential public services in and around Sarajevo, in accordance with the provisions of

resolution 900 (1994),
and *strongly appeals* to the international community to make voluntary financial
contributions to this trust fund;

18.*Notes with appreciation* the steps being taken by the Secretary-General, UNPROFOR and other United Nations agencies and humanitarian
organizations to restore normal life to all areas of the Republic of Bosnia and
Herzegovina, *encourages* them to continue their efforts; and, in this context,
requests the Secretary-General to consider ways and means of further enhancing
the work of the civilian component of UNPROFOR;

19.*Calls on* the parties to honour their commitments to ensure UNHCR and
UNPROFOR unimpeded access throughout the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina in
performance of their mandate, and in particular *calls upon* the Bosnian Croat
party to release infrastructure equipment and material urgently needed for
humanitarian relief;

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20.*Welcomes* the presence of UNPROFOR personnel and arrival of humanitarian convoys in Maglaj, but *expresses* however once again its deep
concern at the situation there;

21.*Welcomes also* the contribution of UNPROFOR, within its available

resources, to the restoration of safety and security to the area in and around
Maglaj in order to promote the well-being of its inhabitants;

22.*Demands* that the Bosnian Serb party cease forthwith all military
operations against the town of Maglaj and remove all obstacles to free access to
it; *condemns* all such obstacles; and *calls upon* all parties to show restraint;

23.*Takes note* of the assessment by the Secretary-General on the
feasibility of extending the safe area concept to Maglaj (S/1994/291), and
requests him to keep the situation under review and to report to the Council as
appropriate;

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24.*Requests* the Secretary- General to keep the Council regularly informed
on developments in regard to the implementation of UNPROFOR’s mandate;

25.*Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.