Record of Meeting in Belgrade, 25 October 1998

- 1. The meeting was attended by Milan Milutinović, President of the Republic of Serbia; Nikola Šainović, Vice Prime Minister of the Federal Government of the FRY; Colonel General Momcilo Perišić, Chief of the General Staff of the Yugoslav Army; Colonel General Vlastimir Đorđević, Chief of Public Security of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia; and their delegation. The NATO Military authorities were represented by General Naumann, Chairman of the Military Committee; General Clark, Supreme Allied Commander Europe; and their delegation.
- 2. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss specific steps to be taken to achieve full compliance by the FRY with the requirements of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1199.
- 3. The position of the FRY and Serbian authorities is reflected in the attached statement. The NATO Military Representatives took note of the statement.

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Colonel General Vlastimir Đorđević

Chief_of Public Security of the

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For The NATO Military Authorities:

General Klaus Naumann

Chairman of the Military Committee

General Wesley K. Clark

Supreme Allied Commander, Europe

STATEMENT

I. Recognising UNSCR 1199 and proceeding from the fact that organised terrorism has been defeated in Kosmet and that all actions against terrorists have ceased as of September 29, 1998 the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia have decided, among other measures, to undertake a series of actions that would help further confidence-building among citizens, members of all national communities living in Kosmet, as well as the resolution of all pending humanitarian problems, especially the speedy return to their homes of all displaced persons. These measures are undertaken with a clear view of ensuring the return to full normality of life as soon as possible throughout Kosmet, while continuing to secure the safety and well-being of all citizens and innocent civilians of Kosmet, and guaranteeing the right of all citizens, members of all national communities living in Kosovo and Metohija to carry on their everyday life free from any threat and constraint, which includes full freedom of movement for all citizens and state authorities representatives, as well as normal activity of all State organs.

In order to further encourage the return to peace and normality, the state authorities of the FRY will bring down the level of presence and the equipment of security forces (MUP and VJ) throughout Kosmet to normal levels, i.e. to the levels preceding the outbreak of terrorist activities, with the clear intention of creating conditions that would help the speedy resumption of the political process and resolution of all outstanding political and humanitarian issues.

In this process the State authorities of the FRY are counting on the assistance and support of the OSCE Verification Mission, KDOM and international humanitarian and other organisations.

- II. With these goals in mind, the State authorities of the FRY have announced the following measures:
 - 1. Special police units deployed to Kosovo after February 1998 will be withdrawn from Kosovo. Combined police/special police strength in Kosovo will be reduced to their February 1998 duty level.

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- 2. Any additional (that is, brought in or transferred after February 1998) heavy weapons (12.7mm or above) or equipment brought into Kosovo or transferred from the VJ to the police/special police will be withdrawn from Kosovo or returned to the VJ.
- 3. Police/special police will resume their normal peacetime activities. Heavy weapons and equipment remaining under MUP control in Kosovo will be returned to cantonments and police stations.
- 4. All VJ units and additional equipment brought into Kosovo after February 1998 will be withdrawn from Kosovo.
- 5. Except for those VJ currently augmenting border guards, all VJ elements remaining in Kosovo will return to garrison except for three company-sized teams which will remain deployed, each to protect lines of communications between a) PEC-LAPUSNIK-PRISTINA, b) DAKOVICA-KLINA, and c) PRIZREN-SUVA REKA-PRISTINA. These three company-sized teams will return to garrison not later than one week after signature of the Political Agreement.
 - 6. VJ border guards will remain in position along the international border of FRY and conduct ongoing border security operations.
- 7. The withdrawals and deployments described above will be completed by 1200 hours, 27 October 1998, except for the three company-sized teams in paragraph 5 above. On commencement, movements will be notified to KDOM and the new structures and numbers will be given to KDOM not later than 1200 hours 29 October 1998.
- 8. In order to ensure verification of these provisions, VJ and MUP commanders will provide to KDOM/OSCE detailed weekly reports of manning, weapons, and activities of their forces, and will provide immediate notification to KDOM/OSCE of any deployments contrary to these provisions and will explain the circumstances regarding such deployments.

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III. The FRY intends to comply unconditionally with UNSCR 1199 and the actions described in Para. II above. It calls on all other parties to also comply unconditionally with this Resolution. The FRY remains committed to seek solutions to all outstanding issues and problems peacefully and in consultation with the OSCE. However, as a last resort, and consistent with the right of self defense, the State authorities retain the right to respond adequately and proportionately to any form of terrorist activity or violation of law which could jeopardize the lives and safety of citizens and representatives of the State authorities.

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