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ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM).

Major-General Gian Giuseppe Santillo (Italy) who has been the Force Commander of UNIKOM since 1 December 1995, will be relinquishing his post on 30 November 1997. Following consultations with the parties concerned, it is my intention to appoint Major-General Esa Kalervo Tarvainen of Finland as the next Force Commander of UNIKOM. A background note on Major-General Tarvainen is attached.

I should be grateful if you could bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi ANNAN

Annex
Curriculum vitae

Name: Esa Kalervo TARVAINEN

Rank: Major-General

Position: Inspector of Field Artillery

Date of birth: 7 March 1947

Place of birth: Joensuu

Marital status: Married to Ritva Tarvainen, one daughter and one son

Career:

1966-1967	Conscript service
1967-1970	Military Academy
1970-1971	Instruction Officer, Satakunta Artillery Regiment
1972-1973	Instruction Officer, Artillery School
1974	Captain Course, Field Artillery
1975-1976	Military Observer, United Nations Truce Supervision Organization
1976-1979	Chief of Office, Artillery School
1979-1981	War College
1981-1983	Staff Officer, General Headquarters
1983	Senior Staff Officer, General Headquarters
1983-1984	Chief of Operations Office, United Nations Disengagement Observer Force
1985	National Defence Course, War College
1985-1992	Aide-de-Camp to the President of the Republic
1992-1993	Assistant Chief of Staff Liaison at United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon headquarters
1993-1995	Commanding Officer of Artillery Brigade and Niinisalo Garrison
1996-	Inspector of Field Artillery

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Promotions: 1967 Second Lieutenant
1970 Lieutenant
1973 Senior Lieutenant
1977 Captain
1983 Major
1989 Lieutenant Colonel
1993 Colonel
1997 Major-General

Decorations: Knight, First Class, Order of the Lion of Finland
Medal for Military Merits
Three United Nations medals
Several foreign decorations

Languages: Finnish, English, Swedish
