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**Letter dated 17 November 2015 from the Secretary-General
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

Pursuant to Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), I have the honour to convey the attached letter, dated 10 November 2015, from the Deputy Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Alexander Vershbow, transmitting the quarterly report on the international security presence in Kosovo, covering the period from 1 April to 30 September 2015 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) **BAN** Ki-moon



Annex

**Letter dated 10 November 2015 from the Deputy Secretary-General
of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization addressed to the
Secretary-General**

In accordance with paragraph 20 of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), I attach a report on the operations of the Kosovo Force (KFOR) covering the period from 1 April to 30 September 2015 (see enclosure). I would appreciate your making the report available to the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Alexander **Vershbow**

Enclosure**Report to the United Nations on the operations of the Kosovo Force**

1. The present report on the Kosovo Force (KFOR) is provided in accordance with Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and covers the period from 1 April to 30 September 2015.
2. As of 30 September 2015, the total number of KFOR troops in theatre remained approximately 4,600.
3. The main event during the reporting period was the progress achieved in the dialogue between Belgrade and Pristina facilitated by the European Union, which resulted in the signing of a significant package of agreements on 25 August regarding, inter alia, the establishment of the Association/Community of Serb municipalities in Kosovo.

Security situation and operations

4. During the reporting period, the security situation in theatre remained calm in the southern part of Kosovo and reasonably stable in the northern part of Kosovo. The implementation of the European Union-facilitated First Agreement of Principles governing the Normalization of Relations, reached by Belgrade and Pristina on 19 April 2013, continues to have a positive effect on the security situation, and freedom of movement remains unimpeded Kosovo-wide.
5. Against this positive background, the KFOR mission to contribute to a safe and secure environment and freedom of movement has continued as part of a comprehensive international effort.
6. During the reporting period, KFOR continued to work in close coordination with the Kosovo police and the European Rule of Law Mission (EULEX). KFOR remained ready to provide immediate intervention as a third responder if required and also maintained full situational awareness. However, there was no requirement for direct intervention by KFOR.
7. Two significant events occurred without security incidents. The remains of Iša Boletini were paraded peacefully and finally laid to rest in his hometown of Boletin/Boljetin. The Serbian celebration of Vidovdan and the 626th anniversary of the battle of Kosovo were marked with a commemorative service at the Gazimestan memorial and a religious ceremony at the Gračanice/Gračanica Monastery. The Kosovo police were in charge of security for these events and no EULEX or KFOR intervention was required.

Summary

8. During the reporting period, KFOR continued to contribute to both maintaining a safe and secure environment and ensuring freedom of movement, in close coordination with EULEX and the Kosovo police. The close coordination on the ground between KFOR, in its capacity as third responder, EULEX and the Kosovo police continues to be highly effective.