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TALKING PAPER

Subject: Reinforcing UNPROFOR

1. Purpose. To provide talking points on the need to reinforce UNPROFOR.

2. Talking Points

- UNPROFOR continues to perform a valuable mission in Bosnia, including facilitating the delivery of humanitarian aid and establishing the conditions of peace and security required for the negotiation of an overall settlement of the Yugoslav crisis.
- UNPROFOR has requested 6,500 additional troops and equipment to support the current cessation of hostilities agreement, to improve its capability to protect itself, and to respond to acts by the warring parties against UNPROFOR. These additional troops and equipment would provide operational flexibility, better ensure the delivery of humanitarian aid, and allow the use of more robust measures to keep ground and air aid corridors open.
- On several occasions, most recently in Bihac, UNPROFOR could have done a better job if it had more manpower and equipment resources, including helicopters, at its disposal.
- The NATO Chiefs of Defense met with UN, Russia, and other interested nations at The Hague, Netherlands, in December to consider how UNPROFOR could be made more effective. Two initiatives resulted from this meeting:
 - the formulation of concepts for maintaining open the air and land routes into Sarajevo and the enclaves, and
 - the decision to offer UNPROFOR additional manpower and equipment to better accomplish its mission.
- As a result of this initiative fourteen countries have offered almost 6,000 troops and significant additional equipment.
- We consider it essential to support this effort and have offered to the UN helicopters, armored personnel carriers, radars, radios, night vision goggles, and assorted engineer vehicles on a lease or sale basis.

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- The success of the cessation of hostilities agreement would be a significant achievement on the road to a peaceful settlement in the former Yugoslavia. The UN deserves the help of the entire international community to take advantage of this cessation of hostilities to better prepare for whatever comes next.
- The UN is still evaluating all the offers it has received. We expect the UN to inform us shortly of their desires. At that time we will negotiate financial arrangements for sale or lease of the equipment offered by the U.S. government.