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NOTIONAL TIMELINE TO DEPLOY OF BOSNIA PEACE IMPLEMENTATION FORCE (IFOR)

TIME	ACTION (<u>All actions/dates still being finalized by NATO</u>)
Now	Assessment/Survey Team already in country.
Possibly as early as this weekend	Enabling Force of as many as 3,500 NATO troops (400-1,000 U.S.) goes in to prepare for arrival of combat units; Enabling force includes port handlers, communicators, and other Combat Service Support elements, and will bring with it some self-protection capability; deployment requires a Presidential decision and depends on whether the NATO Military Committee finalizes plans today/tomorrow to permit the North Atlantic Council to approve them by Friday.
December 9-11	Enabling Force will set up sector headquarters, possibly in Sarajevo, Tuzla, and Gornji ^{GORNJI} Vakuf. Administration's hoped-for period of Congressional deliberations to authorize/approve U.S. participation in IFOR.
December 11-19	Window for Paris Peace Conference to sign treaty; French will decide dates, but U.S. expects the signing about December 17.
Day after Treaty signing	IFOR begins deployment (U.S. participation depends on Congress's actions re: restricting funds, another CR, etc.).
Within first 96 hours after Treaty signing	NATO Command element sets up in country and UN Protection Force (UNPROFOR) comes under IFOR control.
Days 10-14	First U.S. brigade could deploy into Tuzla in northeast Bosnia.
30-90 days after Treaty signing	<p>IFOR deployment completes. Pace of deployment will depend on many factors, not the least of which will be the weather.</p> <p>If U.S. participation occurs, most American troops will come from Europe, including reserves if decision is made to call them up.</p> <p>For IFOR purposes, Bosnia will be divided into at least three sectors. Specific nations may be assigned primary responsibilities as follows:</p> <p>U.S. and Russia - northeast Bosnia, inc. Tuzla and Brcko Corridor; France - Sarajevo and southeast Bosnia; UK - central/middle Bosnia.</p>