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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> )  |
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| 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 <del>Gornji</del> <sup>GORNJI</sup> 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> |