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SUMMARY

1. Request for UKMis New York to provide advice on action taken by UN Secretariat to lobby for additional troop contributions for UN Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in safe areas in Bosnia. Instructions for Paris and Bonn to consult host Governments over substance of possible supporting action: and for selected Posts - subject to trigger from Secretary of State's party in Luxembourg - to lobby in support of UN Secretariat's efforts.

DETAIL

- 2. We are grateful for posts' lobbying efforts prior to the adoption of UNSCR 836. Posts will have seen (your telno that the UN Secretary General intends to call a meeting on 10 June of existing UNPROFOR troop contributors, together with those who have made tentative offers of additional troops (Pakistan, Sweden, Tunisia, possibly Algeria), to discuss the way ahead.
- 3. These discussions will take place in the context of the UN Secretariat's estimate that at least 6,000 (and possibly as many as 31,000) additional troops may be needed for the safe areas

operation. Despite the tentative offers from the above countries, it is not clear where these troops, or the equipment they will need, will come from. First TUR made clear that, given that the UK is already the largest troop contributor to UN operations in Bosnia, we do not intend to increase our presence. It also pointed out that (despite the provision in paragraph 7B of SCR 836 for the UNPROFOR Commander to redeploy his forces within Bosnia) we have no plans to reassign our forces from their existing humanitarian relief protection task.

- 4. Against this background, we wish to assist the UN Secretariat's efforts to assemble additional forces by lobbying in selected capitals who might be willing or able to participate. UN Under Secretary General Annan told Sir D Hannay on 7 June (YTUR) that the Secretariat would welcome our assistance. The targeted capitals include those on the UN Secretariat's list, those who have already made tentative offers, Security Council members with whom we have already been in discussion on the safe areas Resolution and key Islamic and other posts. We, the French and the Germans are co-ordinating to a certain extent (see below).
- 5. Grateful if you could let us know what action the UN Secretariat have in hand, and where they require support. It clearly makes most sense for us to go in in support of their approaches. But we see political value in spreading the net more widely than they have proposed.

(for Paris and Bonn)

- 6. The EC Foreign Affairs Council decided today that there should be a division of labour between ourselves, France and Germany in approaching prospective contributors, and that we should take action with the Swedish, Malaysian and Pakistani Governments, liaising with the French and Germans locally beforehand. The French would similarly cover Morocco, Tunisia, beforehand Egypt, and the Germans would press Gulf states for Algeria and Egypt, and the Germans would press Gulf states for equipment and financial support (to the extent that the latter is relevant this may need clarification). For your information, we propose subject to UKMis New York's views also to take separate bilateral action with the New Zealand, Australian, Indian and Indonesian Governments.
- 7. Grateful if you could compare notes with your host

authorities over the line they propose to take with their interlocutors, with a view to developing a common approach, and referring to the need for liaison with the UN Secretariat. MIFT gives the line we propose to deploy.

(for other addressees)
8. You should await further comments from UKMis New York, Paris and Bonn, and any final instructions from Ministers. On receipt of a trigger telegram, action addressees — and information addressees who judge that an initiative in their capitals may be productive — should approach host authorities as soon as possible on the lines laid out in MIFT, making it clear that they are delivering a message on the instructions of the Secretary of State.

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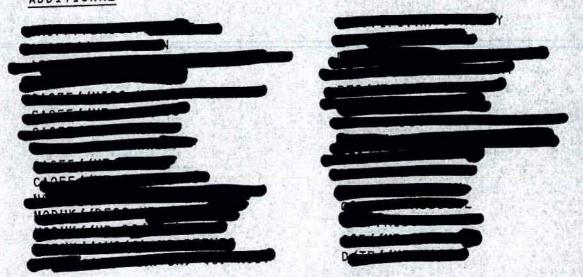
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