

**ANNEX XI**  
**INTERNATIONAL MILITARY PRESENCE**

**Article 1      Objectives**

1.1. The International Military Presence (IMP) shall be responsible for:

- a. Ensuring the security of Kosovo from external threats, until Kosovo's institutions can take responsibility;
- b. Providing a safe and secure environment throughout the territory of Kosovo, in conjunction with the ICR and in support of the Kosovo institutions, until such time as Kosovo's institutions are capable of assuming responsibility, on a case-by-case basis, for the security tasks performed by the IMP;
- c. Supervising and supporting, with the assistance of others, the establishment and training of the Kosovo Security Force (KSF); this would include vetting potential members to ensure professionalism; striving to achieve appropriate ethnic representation, and, the right of sanction for inappropriate conduct of members of the KSF in coordination with the ICR;
- d. Verifying compliance with any military security aspects of this Settlement;
- e. Supporting, and coordinating closely with the work of the ICR, as well as providing military advice to the ICR;
- f. Assisting and advising with respect to the process of integration in Euro-Atlantic structures.

1.2 Within means and capabilities, and until tasks can be relinquished to others under programmes to be agreed, the IMP will assist local authorities and the ICR in:

- a. Responding to violent extremists;
- b. Ensuring freedom of movement;
- c. Facilitating refugee return;
- d. Removing, safeguarding and destroying unauthorized weapons;
- e. Protecting designated religious and cultural sites;
- f. Conducting border monitoring duties as required; and
- g. Providing support, on a case-by-case basis, to the international community and key civil implementation organizations, in the fulfilment of their respective mandates.

1.3 The IMP shall support the development of structures and expertise in Kosovo to ensure the effective civilian control and management over the KSF, in particular in the areas of strategy development, force planning, personnel management, Planning, Programming and Budgeting (PPBS), exercise planning and procurement, in accordance with Article 2.4 of Annex IX of this Settlement.

1.4 The IMP shall supervise, monitor and have executive authority over the KSF until the Force is judged by the IMP, in coordination with the ICR, to be self-sustaining and capable of fulfilling its assigned tasks in accordance with international standards.

1.5 The IMP will continue the established practice of the current Joint Implementation Commission with the Republic of Serbia. Over time, the activities of the Joint Implementation Commission will be subsumed by a new Joint Military Commission with

authorities from Kosovo and the Republic of Serbia to address military security issues of common concern.

1.6 The IMP will establish confidence-building measures between the KSF and defense institutions of the Republic of Serbia, in coordination with the ICR.

1.7 In the longer term, the IMP will remain engaged with the KSF to provide advice aimed at Kosovo's further integration into Euro-Atlantic security structures and the involvement of elements from the security force in internationally mandated missions.

1.8 The IMP will operate under the authority and be subject to the direction and political control of the North Atlantic Council through the NATO Chain of Command. The IMP shall have a unified chain of command.

## **Article 2 Powers and Authorities**

2.1 In fulfilling the IMP's responsibilities, the Head of the IMP shall have the authority, without interference or permission, to do all that he/she judges necessary and proper, including the use of military force, to protect the IMP and other designated personnel and to carry out its responsibilities. The Head of the IMP is the final authority in theatre regarding interpretation of those aspects of the Settlement that refer to the IMP.

2.2 The IMP will have the following authorities:

- a. The right to carry out its responsibilities as it deems appropriate, including the use of all necessary force where required and without further sanction, interference or permission;
- b. The right to exercise complete and unimpeded freedom of movement throughout Kosovo, by any means;
- c. The right to re-establish immediate and full military control of the airspace (or parts thereof) should military requirements so dictate. The Head of the IMP shall ensure that Civil Aviation Authority of Kosovo is fully informed about any such decision;
- d. The right to conduct inspections of premises and facilities in connection with the fulfilment of its tasks;
- e. The right to approve and supervise, in coordination with the ICR, the establishment of all non-police, security-related forces proposed by Kosovo;
- f. The right to take action as it deems appropriate in support of its mandate in accordance with this Settlement.

2.3 Kosovo shall grant the IMP the status, privileges and immunities currently provided to KFOR under UNMIK Regulation 2000/47.

2.4 In all cases, the authorities of the IMP will be kept under review and, after consultation with the relevant parties and decision by the NAC, adjusted accordingly, on a case-by-case basis, as Kosovo institutions develop capacity and increase ownership and responsibility.