

## **SFOR MISSION**

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### **The Stabilisation Force (SFOR) Mission:**

The Stabilisation Force (SFOR) will deter hostilities and stabilise the peace, contribute to a secure environment by providing a continued military presence in the Area Of Responsibility (AOR), target and coordinate SFOR support to key areas including primary civil implementation organisations, and progress towards a lasting consolidation of peace, without further need for NATO-led forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

### **The desired endstate is:**

A secure environment adequate for the continued consolidation of the peace without further need for NATO-led military forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina. We must ensure that:

- All parties adhere to the military requirements of the [General Framework Agreement for Peace](#) (GFAP) on a sustained basis.
- All parties demonstrate commitment to continue negotiations as a means to resolve political and military differences.
- Established civil structures are sufficiently mature to assume responsibilities to continue monitoring compliance with the GFAP.
- Conditions have been established for the safe continuation of ongoing nation-building activities.

### **The SFOR Commander's Intent is:**

- To maintain a safe and secure environment.
- To support the International Community in the performance of its mandates in the Multi-Year Road Map (MYRM) (The MYRM is a means of measuring progress in Bosnia and Herzegovina.)
- To continue to train and restructure the Armed Forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- To respond immediately to counter anti-Dayton non-compliant groups and institutions.
- To provide flexible military presence focused on critical areas.
- The Main Effort is to focus on the Armed Forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina, return of Displaced Persons and Refugees, support of Law Enforcement and the Rule of Law.

### **The "Dayton Peace Agreement"**

The General Framework Agreement for Peace, sometimes referred to as the Dayton Peace Agreement, provides the political and legal framework for SFOR ([www.nato.int/sfor/basic/gfap.htm](http://www.nato.int/sfor/basic/gfap.htm)). Annex 1A contains the agreement on the Military Aspects of the Peace Settlement. The goals of the agreement are:

- To Provide a safe and secure environment.
- To establish a unified, democratic Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- To rebuild the economy.
- To allow the return of displaced persons and refugees to their prewar homes.

### **NATO & SFOR Personnel:**

- Are immune from "local" jurisdiction.
- Are immune from arrest/detention by local police.

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- Are not required to carry a passport.
- Are not required to pay import taxes, duties or fees.
- Enjoy free & unrestricted passage through BiH & Croatia.
- SFOR soldiers shall respect local laws.
- SFOR soldiers shall refrain from actions not compatible with the nature of the operation.
- If asked by the local authorities, SFOR soldiers MUST show their SFOR ID cards.
- SFOR soldiers must always carry & protect their SFOR ID cards.

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