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Letter dated 16 June 2021 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

Pursuant to Security Council resolution [1244 \(1999\)](#), I have the honour to transmit the attached letter, dated 27 May 2021, from Jens Stoltenberg, Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, transmitting the report on the international security presence in Kosovo, covering the period from 1 January to 31 March 2021 (see annex).

I would be grateful if you could bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) António **Guterres**



Annex

In accordance with paragraph 20 of Security Council resolution [1244 \(1999\)](#), please find attached the quarterly report on Kosovo Force operations covering the period from 1 January to 31 March 2021 (see enclosure). I would appreciate you making the present report available to the members of the Council.

(Signed) Jens **Stoltenberg**

Enclosure

Report to the United Nations on Kosovo Force operations

1. This report is submitted in accordance with Security Council resolution [1244 \(1999\)](#) and covers Kosovo Force (KFOR) activities during the period from 1 January to 31 March 2021.
2. As at 31 March 2021, the total number of KFOR troops in theatre remained approximately 3,400, from 19 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and eight non-NATO troop-contributing nations.
3. There were no major security incidents during the reporting period and no request for KFOR intervention as a third security responder.

Security situation update and operations

4. During the reporting period, there was no significant change to the overall security situation in Kosovo, which remains generally calm but fragile, owing to unresolved political and interethnic issues. There were no impediments to the safe and secure environment and freedom of movement.
5. On 14 February 2021, elections for the new assembly were held in Kosovo without major irregularities or security incidents. On 22 March 2021, the new institutions in Kosovo were established.
6. KFOR continued to conduct routine framework operations across the KFOR area of operations, while maintaining a proactive and flexible force posture. Since the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, KFOR has maintained its ability to conduct its day-to-day operations. At the same time, KFOR has provided assistance to local institutions in different communities and municipalities in Kosovo. KFOR has been fully implementing the preventive measures recommended by the World Health Organization for the protection of military personnel.
7. KFOR continued to maintain its close cooperation with other security providers in the Balkans joint operations area.
8. There were no significant security incidents during the reporting period, and KFOR remained mission effective. Although activities were impacted laterally by the COVID-19 pandemic, KFOR successfully contributed to maintaining a safe and secure environment and freedom of movement across the area of operations and was prepared to act as a third security responder, if required.

Summary

9. During the reporting period, KFOR continued to fulfil its mandate under Security Council resolution [1244 \(1999\)](#) to maintain both a safe and secure environment and freedom of movement as part of a comprehensive international effort. The close coordination and cooperation at the tactical level between KFOR, the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX) and the Kosovo police was effective.