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**Letter dated 10 December 2002 from the representatives of
Croatia and Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the
President of the Security Council**

We have the honour to inform you that Goran Svilanović, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and Tonino Picula, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, today, 10 December 2002, signed the Protocol between the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Government of the Republic of Croatia on the Interim Regime along the Southern Border between the two States. A translation of the Protocol is attached herewith (see annex).

The Protocol is another step forward in the process of strengthening confidence and good-neighbourly relations between our two countries.

The Governments of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Republic of Croatia express their appreciation of the efforts of the United Nations Observer Mission in Prevlaka (UNMOP) in fulfilling the mandate entrusted to it by the Security Council.

We should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dejan Šahović
Ambassador
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Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

(Signed) Jasna Ognjanovac
Chargé d'affaires a.i.
Republic of Croatia



**Annex to the letter dated 10 December 2002 from the
representatives of Croatia to the United Nations addressed
to the President of the Security Council**

P R O T O C O L

**between
the Government of the Republic of Croatia
and the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
on the Interim Regime along the Southern Border
between the Two States**

The Government of the Republic of Croatia and

The Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
(hereinafter: the Parties),

Desirous of contributing to lasting peace and stability in this part of
Europe and to the development of good-neighbourly relations,

Convinced that the interim regime being established by this Protocol will
facilitate the quest for a final solution for the identification -
establishment of the common State border,

Proceeding from the principle of the respect for the reciprocity of
obligations, unacceptability of unilateral acts and the implementation of
the Protocol in good faith,

Committed to the promotion of overall economic, particularly tourist,
development of the area along the southern border between the two
States,

With the aim of building confidence and improving the quality of life and
the standard of living of the citizens of the two States,

Proceeding from the Agreement on the Normalisation of Relations
between the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
(A/51/318, S/1996/706), signed on 23 August 1996, recognizing each
other as independent, sovereign and equal States within their international
borders, and the Protocol on the Principles for the Identification
/Establishment of the Border Line and the Preparation of the Agreement
on the State Border between the Republic of Croatia and the Federal
Republic of Yugoslavia of 23 April 2002,

Proceeding also from the Joint Statement of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia made in New York on 11 November 2001 and their Joint Letter addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations (S/2002/368) on 10 April 2002,

Have agreed as follows:

I. INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

Article 1

The Parties shall establish an interim regime under this Protocol in the area along the southern border between the two States that shall be in place pending conclusion of a Border Agreement between the Parties and that shall be the subject of negotiations to be continued in good faith between the Parties.

Article 2

The Parties are agreed that the provisions of this Protocol and its Annexes, as well as its implementation, shall not in any way prejudice delimitation between the two States.

Article 3

This Protocol shall temporarily regulate mutual relations regarding the crossing of the border, cross-border regime, demilitarization and demining, police and customs competencies and other issues important for traffic and the life of people in the areas which are subject to this Protocol.

II. INTERIM DIVISION OF JURISDICTION

Article 4

The Parties are agreed that the Republic of Croatia shall temporarily exercise jurisdiction on land in the area southwest of Konfin (Y 6543550,

X 4697500) and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in the land area north of Konfin.

The topographic map in the ratio 1:25,000 is attached to this Protocol forming an integral part thereof (Annex I). *

Article 5

The Parties are agreed that the presence of the police and military forces of the Parties shall be excluded from the sea area west of the straight line stretching from Konfin to the point three cables (Y 6544854, X 4694397) away from Cape Oštro at the junction Cape Oštro (Y 6544359, X 4694397) - Cape Veslo (Y 6550598, X 4691305) (hereinafter: the Zone), except in cases defined in this Protocol (Chapter III).

The topographic map in the ratio 1:25,000 is attached to this Protocol forming an integral part thereof (Annex II).

Article 6

Temporary delimitation of the territorial sea shall proceed from the point three cables away from Cape Oštro at the junction Cape Oštro-Cape Veslo in a straight line of 12 nautical miles along the azimuth of 206 degrees to the high seas.

The naval map in the ratio 1:25,000 is attached to this Protocol forming an integral part thereof (Annex III).

III. INTERIM JURISDICTION IN THE ZONE

Article 7

For the purpose of protecting general security, preventing and tracking down perpetrators of all forms of illegal acts in the area of the Zone, as referred to in Article 5 of this Protocol, a mixed police crew on a police vessel shall be established.

The composition, authorization and the procedure of the mixed police crew, as well as the use of the police vessel, shall be established in detail by a separate annex (Annex IV) forming an integral part of this Protocol.

* The annexed maps are not reproduced in the present document.

The Parties are agreed to allow, in the Zone referred to in Article 5 above, sport and/or recreational fishing (hereinafter: fishing) to persons in possession of fishing permits issued by sport and/or recreational fishing clubs located in the border area of one of the Parties as defined in this Protocol or by its competent authorities.

The Parties may issue up to a hundred (100) yearly permits to their citizens and up to ten (10) daily permits to the nationals of third parties.

The following fishing tackle shall be allowed in sport fishing in the Zone: surf casts up to two pieces, cabrilla fishing rigs up to two pieces, fishing lines or trolls up to two pieces, jigs for fishing cephalopods up to two pieces and fishing spears up to two pieces. Use of fishing rods with reels shall be allowed in fishing with the said tackle and shall be permitted from the shore or from an anchored or moving boat.

A permit shall be also required for sport and/or recreational fishing from the shore.

Fishing shall be allowed only during daylight from sunrise to sunset.

While fishing, persons engaging in sport and/or recreational fishing must abide by national rules and regulations concerning the protection of fish and regulating the size of fish and fishing season of the Party, whose regulations happen to be stricter.

All other fishing activities on and/or under the surface of the sea (fishing with subaquatic guns, collecting of piddocks, corals, sponges and/or other marine organisms, except cephalopods) shall be prohibited in the area of the Zone.

The person engaging in fishing shall be allowed to catch not more than 5 kilogrammes of fish or cephalopods. If a fish weighing more than 5 kilogrammes is caught, the person engaging in fishing must stop fishing for the day.

In the event of more serious violations of the regime established under this Article, the Joint Commission established for the purpose of implementing this Protocol (hereinafter: the Joint Commission) shall decide on more restrictive conditions for the resumption of fishing than those provided for in this Article.

The Parties are agreed that no commercial and part-time fishing and no development of marine life shall be allowed in the Zone until further notice.

Six months after the signing of the Protocol, the Joint Commission shall consider, if necessary, the possibility of extending the regime established under this Article.

Article 9

A mixed police crew shall carry out search and rescue operations in the Zone. If necessary, the master of the vessel shall request assistance by other available vessels and/or aircraft.

IV. DEMILITARIZATION

Article 10

The Parties shall undertake to carry out full demilitarization of the land area: the Republic of Croatia five (5) kilometres and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia three (3) kilometres inside from the line defined in Article 4 of this Protocol towards the hinterland of each Party; the road Village Poljice-Molunat and the locality of Molunat shall be excluded from the regime of demilitarization.

Article 11

The demilitarized area, described in the three topographic maps in the ratio of 1:25,000 attached to this Protocol and forming an integral part thereof - Annexes V/1, V/2, V/3, shall be defined by the following points:

1. Republic of Croatia: three-border junction (R of Croatia - FR of Yugoslavia - Bosnia and Herzegovina) - Triješnikov vrh - Village Arbanas (excluded) - Village D. Ljut (excluded) - Village Gruda (excluded) - Village Poljice (school) - road Village Poljice-Village Mikulići (excluded) - crossroads Mikulići-Đurinići - Molunat (excluded) - Valley Lučica.

2. Federal Republic of Yugoslavia: three-border junction (R of Croatia - FR of Yugoslavia - Bosnia and Herzegovina) - Sović (elevation peak 1144) - Velja glava (trigonometric point 991) - Village Dizdarev Do (excluded) - Village Svrčuge - Village Lazarevići - Village Mojdež (excluded) - road from Village Ratiševina to Igalo (excluded) - Igalo (excluded).

Article 12

Units of armed forces or fire systems for operations on land, at sea and in the air, of all types and calibres, or land, sea and air reconnaissance systems, including those of third parties, shall not be deployed in the demilitarized area.

Article 13

The Parties shall re-assign the purpose of, and remove or destroy, all fortifications and dislocate all weapons and men, primarily missile systems, artillery, armour, anti-tank and grenade launchers, from the demilitarized area.

The Parties shall continue and intensify cooperation in clearing the mines in the area covered by this Protocol.

Article 14

Monitoring in the demilitarized area shall be carried out in accordance with Annex VI forming an integral part of this Protocol.

Article 15

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall undertake to ensure that, while passing south of the junction between Cape Kobilja and Cape Durov Kam and north of the junction between Cape Oštro and Cape Mirište and east of the line defined in Article 5 of this Protocol, its warships carry out no exercise activities, demonstrate no force, lift and land no aircraft from and on their decks, do not stop or anchor, except in the event of shipwreck, search and rescue operations and the provision of assistance, including in ecological accidents.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall undertake to ensure that its submarines, in the area referred to in paragraph 1 above, navigate on the surface, flying the flag.

The Republic of Croatia shall undertake to ensure that its warships do not sail in the area referred to in paragraph 1 above, except in the event of military co-operation with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Article 16

Exercise activities in the territorial sea of the Parties shall be carried out in such a manner as to ensure that the longitudinal parameters of the training grounds and targets are not placed in the direction of the other Party.

V. BORDER CROSSINGS AND CROSS-BORDER TRAFFIC

Article 17

The Parties are agreed to proceed forthwith to amending the Agreements between the two States regulating border crossings and cross-border traffic, with the aim of extending the application of the said Agreements also to the areas that are subject of this Protocol.

Article 18

Pending conclusion of an Annex to the Agreement on the Designation of Border Crossings between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia of 1997, the Parties are agreed to continue to use the border crossing Karasovići-Sutorina for all international road traffic of passengers and goods and to re-categorize the border crossing Vitaljina-Njivice as a border crossing for international road traffic of passengers.

For the purpose of using space economically and reducing construction expenses, border crossings shall be located on joint sites in the territory of one or the other Party. The establishment and the use of the sites, sharing of expenses and the method of work of the competent services of the Parties on the joint sites shall be determined by a separate Annex to this Protocol.

Article 19

Pending conclusion of an Annex to the Agreement on Cross-Border Traffic between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia of 1997, interim cross-border traffic shall be established, enabling the residents of the municipalities of Župa Dubrovačka, Konavle and the City of Dubrovnik in the Republic of Croatia and of the municipalities of Herceg-Novi, Kotor and Tivat in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to cross the border with cross-border permits.

The Republic of Croatia shall issue cross-border permits to residents of border municipalities defined in this Protocol.

Citizens of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall temporarily use valid identity cards with registration slips issued in the border municipalities defined in paragraph 1 above.

Article 20

The Parties shall undertake to have their competent police authorities and customs offices, in the exercise of their powers, guided by the principle of mutual consultations, co-operation and avoidance of incidents.

Violations of the agreed regime shall be dealt with at the level of police departments, i.e. police stations, and customs offices.

VI. SEARCH AND RESCUE AT SEA

Article 21

The Parties shall co-operate in conducting search and rescue operations at sea in accordance with the provisions of the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue of 1979.

Article 22

The Parties are agreed that the competent search and rescue authorities of the Republic of Croatia shall coordinate search and rescue operations and assistance to ships in distress within the area of responsibility of the Republic of Croatia, while search and rescue operations and assistance to

ships in distress within the area of responsibility of the maritime authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall be provided by the competent authorities in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

The Parties shall authorize the authorities in charge of search and rescue operations co-ordination to contact directly their counterparts in the other Party.

VII. COOPERATION IN THE EVENT OF MARINE POLLUTION

Article 23

Recognizing the need to preserve the marine environment, the Parties shall co-operate in implementing measures aimed at preventing pollution from ships, land and aircraft.

Article 24

The Parties shall monitor on a systematic basis the situation of the marine environment and prevent threats to the environmentally and economically most valuable eco-system communities in a timely fashion and take necessary measures for their protection and responsible exploitation.

For the purpose of systematically following the situation of the marine environment, the Parties shall jointly conduct monitoring and establish facts.

The Parties shall act in accordance with international agreements relative to the release of waste into the sea and abide by the obligations provided for under the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context of 1991.

Article 25

In the event of oil pollution, the Parties shall extend mutual assistance in accordance with the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation of 1990.

At the request of the other Party, either Party shall, within the limits of its possibilities and available means, co-operate and provide advisory and technical assistance in taking action in the event of accidents involving

oil pollution. Compensation for expenses incurred in providing such assistance shall be based on the provisions of the Annex to the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation.

VIII. TOURIST COOPERATION

Article 26

The Parties are agreed to encourage jointly development of tourism in the border area and, to that end, shall conclude a separate agreement for the purpose of its promotion.

The Parties are agreed to speed up, during the interim-regime period, the border-crossing procedure for organised tours both for the citizens of the Parties and for the citizens of third countries.

Article 27

The Parties are agreed not to carry out border (customs and police) control of persons and vessels in yachting, pastime and sport activities in the sea area from Cape Žigant to Cape Veslo to the line connecting Cape Konfin and Cape Djurov Kam, with the right of access to their respective shores, in the period from 1 April to 31 October, provided they have their residence or have reported their stay to a competent authority of the border municipalities of the Parties and are leaving the said area the same day.

The Parties are agreed to allow sport and/or recreational fishing to citizens of the Parties and third States in the area and in the time period and under the conditions established in paragraph 1 above, in accordance with the regime from Article 8 of this Protocol.

Article 28

For the purpose of ensuring a greater flow and safety of air traffic, the Parties shall harmonize landing and take-off procedures at Tivat and Dubrovnik airports.

In the operationalization of paragraph 1 above, the Parties shall establish direct telephone lines between the Dubrovnik Approach Flight Control

and the Podgorica Approach Flight Control; a direct telephone line shall also be established between the Dubrovnik Approach Flight Control and the Tivat Approach Flight Control for the purpose of coordinating activities of fire-fighting planes, search and rescue operations, as well as for exchanging data on VFR traffic.

Article 29

The competent bodies of the Parties shall undertake to elaborate within thirty days an Agreement on Coordination between the Dubrovnik Approach Flight Control and the Podgorica Approach Flight Control in accordance with Article 28 of this Protocol and harmonize the Agreement on Coordination between the Zagreb Area Flight Control and the Belgrade Area Flight Control.

IX. FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 30

The Parties are agreed to conclude within the shortest possible period from the date of the signing of this Protocol an Annex to the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on the Designation of Border Crossings, signed in Belgrade in 1997, to categorize border crossings on the southern border between the two States.

The Parties shall conclude within the same period an Appendix to Annexes 1 and 2 to the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on Cross-Border Traffic signed in Belgrade in 1997.

Article 31

A Joint Commission shall be established for the purpose of implementing this Protocol, consisting of the delegations of the Parties. In addition to Chairman, each delegation may have up to six members.

The Joint Commission shall work according to its Rules of Procedure to be adopted at its first meeting.

Any disputes that may arise between the Parties regarding interpretation and implementation of this Protocol shall be resolved through direct negotiations in accordance with the principle of good-neighbourly relations.

Article 32

This Protocol shall enter into force on the date of the receipt of the last notification through diplomatic channels whereby the Parties inform each other of the completion of their internal legal requirements for the entry into force of the Protocol.

This Protocol shall apply temporarily as of the day of its signature.

Done at _____ this _____ day of _____ 2002
in two original copies in Croatian and Serbian, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of
the Republic of Croatia

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Tonino Picula

For the Federal Government of
the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

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Goran Svilanović

ANNEX IV

On the composition, powers and procedures of the mixed police crew and the use of the police vessel in the Zone

Article 1

A mixed police crew on board a police vessel shall be established under Article 7 of the Protocol between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on the Interim Regime along the Southern Border between the Two States.

Article 2

The mixed police crew shall patrol in the area of the Zone established by Article 5 of the Protocol.

The mixed police crew shall patrol as provided in paragraph 1 above on the vessel made available by the parties on an alternate basis.

Article 3

In their proceedings and for the purpose of preventing illegal actions and tracking down their perpetrators, the mixed crew shall have the right to verify the flag of the vessel, stop the vessel, check its documents and books, as well as search the vessel and prohibit it to sail into the Zone and/or order it to sail out of the Zone.

The law of the Party whose citizen the perpetrator is shall be relevant for the establishment of an illegal action. In the event the perpetrator has dual citizenship, relevant shall be the law of the Party in which the perpetrator has registered his/her residence. In the event that the perpetrator is not a citizen of either Party, relevant shall be the law of the Party on whose territory the perpetrator has previously registered his/her residence.

If it is established that persons on board a vessel have committed a violation of a regulation or have been caught in the act of commission of a violation of a regulation, the mixed police crew shall be authorized to stop and impound the vessel. In the event a vessel refuses to stop at the stop sign, the mixed police crew shall also have the right to undertake hot pursuit of the vessel.

The hot pursuit of the vessel under paragraph 3 above can be made all the way to the line defined in Article 5 of the Protocol.

The Parties shall be notified of the hot pursuit undertaken and of the arrest of the vessel.

Article 4

If the vessel pursued continues sail outside the area of the Zone, the mixed police crew will advise the Parties thereof and they shall be obliged to continue the hot pursuit for the purpose of stopping and arresting the vessel and to act in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of this Annex.

If the vessel pursued moves towards the Zone, the mixed police crew shall, in the sense of uninterrupted pursuit, continue the pursuit and complete it until the impoundment of the vessel. If the vessel given chase to continues to sail outside the area of the Zone, the mixed police crew shall advise the Parties thereof.

Article 5

The citizens caught in the commission of illegal actions shall be in jurisdiction of that Party whose citizenship they have, and if they have dual citizenship, of the Party on whose territory they have registered residence.

The citizens of third States caught in the commission of illegal actions shall be in jurisdiction of the Party on whose territory they have previously registered residence.

Article 6

The mixed police crew shall consist of 4 police officers:

- two crew members, one from each Party, who alternate as masters of the vessel; and
- two machine crew members, one from each Party.

The police officers of the mixed police crew shall be members of the Dubrovnik-Neretva Police Department and the Herceg Novi Security Centre.

Article 7

The mixed police crew from Article 6 of this Annex shall operate the vessel that shall carry the sign "POLICIJA" on its both sides and be equipped with a siren and rotating lights and shall not fly the flag of the belonging State.

Article 8

The command of the vessel of the mixed police crew shall alternate between the masters of the vessel from Article 6 of this Annex every month starting from the day of establishment of the mixed police group.

Article 9

The master of the vessel of the mixed police crew shall be obliged to work out a monthly plan of work for the area of the Zone from Article 5 of the Protocol in the way so as to plan at least four assignments a month during the winter months, while the number of assignments during the summer months shall be determined in accordance with the assessment of the Parties.

At the time when it is not on assignment, the mixed police crew from Article 6 of this Annex shall be obliged to stand by and be ready to act within a reasonable period of time.

Article 10

Each Party shall defray the maintenance and fuel costs of its vessel.

During the overhaul and repair of the vessel, the Parties shall be obliged to provide another vessel.

Article 11

The vessel of the mixed police crew shall not carry any arms.

The mixed police crew from Article 6 of the Annex shall carry uniforms, truncheons and manacles and may carry small arms with a spare cartridge clip.

The weapon may be used in the event of self-defence and help request in accordance with national laws and regulations.

Article 12

The mixed police crew shall communicate with the Operational Communication Centre of the Dubrovnik-Neretva Police Department and the Herceg Novi Security Centre by the radio, using a special VHF channel, and with other vessels through a naval station on an open channel.

Article 13

The mixed police crew shall be responsible for the security of the police vessel in the sense of securing it at and off the place of mooring, depending on weather conditions.

The place of permanent mooring of the vessel from Article 7 of the Protocol shall be in the Zone in the Prevlaka cove (the existing pier).

In the event of *force majeure*, the mixed police crew may sail with the vessel out of the area of the Zone and find shelter in a protected place.

Following the cessation of the *force majeure* from the paragraph above, the mixed police crew must return the vessel in the area of the Zone.

ANNEX VI

On the control of the demilitarized area

Article 1

Under Article 14 of the Protocol between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on the Interim Regime along the Southern Border between the Two States, control of demilitarized areas shall be carried out by way of inspections of the Parties on the basis of this Annex and in accordance with the building and implementation of confidence and security measures from the 1999 Vienna Document.

Provisions of Sections IX and X of the 1999 Vienna Document shall be applied to activities not regulated by this Annex.

Article 2

The Parties are agreed that demilitarization control be carried out by way of regular inspections in two periods from 1 March to 30 May and from 15 September to 15 November. In the event of suspicion regarding activities not allowed in the demilitarized area, each Party shall have the right to request an explanation of the activities, organise a joint meeting of experts and carry out non-scheduled control. The Joint Commission of the Parties shall be advised of the results of the inspection.

The Parties are agreed to carry out a connected mission in the demilitarized area (hereinafter: the connected mission) in each period. The connected mission shall constitute the control of the demilitarized area of both Parties within which each Party shall carry out one inspection lasting up to 48 hours. The duration of an inspection shall be counted from the first entry into the demilitarized area to the signing of the report.

Control shall be carried out in all-terrain vehicles and on foot.

Article 3

Demilitarization control shall be carried by inspection teams of verification centres of the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

An inspection team shall consist of up to five members (up to three inspectors, one police representative and one representative in charge of de-mining). Within the established number of inspectors, each Party shall have the right to invite a guest inspector from a third State.

An inspection team shall use its own maps, photographic and video cameras, binoculars and dictaphones. An inspection team may use additional equipment for which it needs the consent of the inspected Party. A request for additional equipment shall be communicated in the announcement of inspection.

The accompanying team must contain a police representative and a representative in charge of de-mining.

Article 4

The inspected Party shall provide motor-vehicle transport, food, accommodation, communications and health protection in case of need.

Inspection shall be carried out during daylight whereafter the inspection team shall leave the demilitarized area.

The inspection team shall have free access, entry and unhindered overseeing of the demilitarized area.

Article 5

The first connected mission of the demilitarized area shall be started by the Republic of Croatia and each subsequent mission shall be started by the other Party.

The Parties may not request postponement of the connected mission, except in the event of *force majeure*.

In the first connected mission, the demilitarized area shall be photographed and the modalities, priorities and timetable of the re-

assignment, removal or the destruction of fortifications shall be established.

Article 6

Announcement of an inspection under Article 4 shall be made through a verification centre not later than five (5) days prior to the beginning of a regular inspection and not later than two (2) days for a non-scheduled inspection on application forms containing:

- type of control, and reason for non-scheduled control,
- date of control,
- point of entry and an estimated time of arrival,
- equipment to be used during control,
- additional equipment (if any),
- names and surnames, ranks and positions of team members,
- numbers of passports of all team members.

The inspected Party shall reply within 24 hours from the day of the receipt of the announcement.

In the event of a positive reply by a Party to the announcement of the first inspection in the connected mission, that Party shall at the same time announce its inspection in the second part of the connected mission, while the receiving Party shall reply within the period provided for in paragraph 2 of this Article.

Article 7

The inspected Party shall provide unhindered passage to the inspection team at the border crossing announced as the entry/exit point.

Article 8

During inspection, members of inspection teams shall enjoy privileges and immunities in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

The inspected Party shall guarantee security to the inspection team from the moment of its arrival at the point of entry until the moment of its departure from the territory of the Party.

During inspection, members of inspection teams shall abide by the legal, administrative and security conditions prevalent in the area, shall not disturb activities allowed in the demilitarized area and shall cooperate with the representatives of the inspected Party.

Article 9

An inspection shall be completed by the signing of the joint report on the inspection of the demilitarized area.

Forms needed to carry out demilitarization control under this Annex shall be agreed upon by the verification centres of the Parties.

The Joint Commission of the Parties shall be advised of any dispute in the carrying out of the demilitarization control.
