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TO:

The United Nations Emergency Force

SUBJECT:

Regulations for the United Nations Emergency Force

The attached Regulations for the United Nations Emergency Force are issued pursuant to authorization by the General Assembly in resolution 1001 (ES-I) of 7 November 1956, following consultation with the Advisory Committee established by the same resolution. They shall be effective from 1 March 1957. The Regulations, for the most part, are intended to continue in effect the orders, instructions and practices which have been followed with respect to the Force since it first came into existence.

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CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. <u>Issuance of Regulations</u>. The Regulations for the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) (hereinafter referred to as the Force) are issued by the Secretary-General, following consultation with the Advisory Committee established under General Assembly resolution 1001 (ES-I) of 7 November 1956 (hereinafter referred to as the Advisory Committee) pursuant to paragraph 7 of that resolution. They shall be effective from 1 March 1957. The Regulations, and supplemental instructions and orders referred to in Regulations 3 and 4, shall be made available to all units of the Force.
- 2. <u>Amendments</u>. These Regulations may be amended or revised by the Secretary-General, following consultation with the Advisory Committee.
- 3. <u>Supplemental instructions</u>. Supplemental instructions consistent with the present Regulations may be issued by the Secretary-General as required with respect to matters not delegated to the Commander of the United Nations Emergency Force (hereinafter referred to as the Commander).
- 4. <u>Command Orders</u>. The Commander may issue Orders not inconsistent with the resolutions of the General Assembly relating to the Force, these Regulations and amendments thereto, and with supplemental instructions referred to in Regulation 3:
 - (a) in the discharge of his duties as Commander of the Force; or
- (b) in implementation or explanation of these Regulations. Command Orders shall be subject to review by the Secretary-General.
- 5. <u>Definitions</u>. The following definitions shall apply to the terms used in the present Regulations:
- (a) The "Commander of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF)" or the "Commander" is the general officer appointed as "Chief of the United Nations Command" by the General Assembly.
- (b) The "United Nations Command" is the Commander together with his Headquarters Staff.
- (c) The "United Nations Emergency Force" or "Force" is the subsidiary organ of the United Nations described in Regulation 6 below.
- (d) A "member of the United Nations Emergency Force" or a "member of the Force" is the Commander and any person belonging to the military services of a State serving under the Commander either on the United Nations Command or with a national contingent.
- (e) A "Participating State" is a State providing national contingents to the Force. A "Participating Government" is the government of a Participating State.

- (f) The "authorities of a Participating State" are those authorities who are empowered by the law of that State to enforce its military or other law with respect to the members of its armed forces.
- (g) A "Host State" is a State in which the Force operates. A "Host Government" is the Government of a Host State.

CHAPTER II. INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER, UNIFORM, INSIGNIA, AND PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

- 6. International character. The United Nations Emergency Force is a subsidiary organ of the United Nations consisting of the United Nations Command established by General Assembly resolution 1000 (ES-I) of 5 November 1956 and all military personnel placed under the United Nations Command by Member States. The members of the Force, although remaining in their national service, are, during the period of their assignment to the Force, international personnel under the authority of the United Nations and subject to the instructions of the Commander through the chain of command. The functions of the Force are exclusively international and members of the Force shall discharge these functions and regulate their conduct with the interest of the United Nations only in view.
- 7. Flag. The Force is authorized to fly the United Nations flag in accordance with the United Nations Flag Code and Regulations. The United Nations Command shall display the United Nations flag and emblem on its Headquarters, posts, vehicles and otherwise as decided by the Commander. Other flags or pennants may be displayed only in exceptional cases and in accordance with conditions prescribed by the Commander.
- 8. <u>Uniform and insignia</u>. Members of the Force shall wear such uniform and distinctive insignia as the Commander, in consultation with the Secretary-General, shall prescribe. Civilian dress may be worn at such times and in accordance with such conditions as may be authorized by the Commander.
- 9. <u>Markings</u>. All means of transportation of the Force, including vehicles, vessels and aircraft, and all other equipment when specifically designated by the Commander shall bear a distinctive United Nations mark and licence.
- 10. Privileges and immunities. The Force, as a subsidiary organ of the United Nations, enjoys the status, privileges and immunities of the Organization provided in the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations. The entry without duty of equipment and supplies of the Force, and of personal effects of members of the Force upon their first arrival shall be effected in accordance with details to be arranged with the Host State concerned. The provisions of article II of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations shall also apply to the property, funds and assets of Participating States used in a Host State in connexion with the national contingents serving in the Force.

CHAPTER III. AUTHORITY OF THE COMMANDER OF THE UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCE

- 11. Command authority. The Commander has full command authority over the Force. He is operationally responsible for the performance of all functions assigned to the Force by the United Nations, and for the deployment and assignment of troops placed at the disposal of the Force.
- 12. Chain of command and delegation of authority. The Commander shall designate the chain of command for the Force, making use of the officers of the United Nations Command and the commanders of the national contingents made available by Participating Governments. He may delegate his authority through the chain of command. Changes in commanders of national contingents made available by Participating Governments shall be made in consultation between the Commander of the UNEF and the appropriate authorities of the Participating Government. The Commander of the UNEF may make such provisional emergency assignments as may be required. The Commander of the UNEF has full authority with respect to all assignments of members of the United Nations Command and, through the chain of command, of all members of the Force. Instructions from principal organs of the United Nations shall be channelled by the Secretary-General through the Commander and the chain of command designated by him.
- 13. Good order and discipline. The Commander of the UNEF shall have general responsibility for the good order of the Force. Responsibility for disciplinary action in national contingents provided for the Force rests with the commanders of the national contingents. Reports concerning disciplinary action shall be communicated to the Commander of the UNEF who may consult with the commander of the national contingent and if necessary the authorities of the Participating State concerned.
- 14. Military police. The Commander shall provide for military police for any camps, establishments or other premises which are occupied by the Force in a Host State and for such areas where the Force is deployed in the performance of its functions. Elsewhere military police of the Force may be employed, in so far as such employment is necessary to maintain discipline and order among members of the Force, subject to arrangements with the authorities of the Host State concerned, and in liaison with those authorities. For the purpose of this Regulation the military police of the Force shall have the power of arrest over members of the Force. Nothing in this Regulation is in derogation of the authority of arrest conferred upon members of a national contingent vis-a-vis one another.

CHAPTER IV. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

15. Authority of the Secretary-General. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall have authority for all administrative, executive and financial matters affecting the Force and shall be responsible for the negotiation and conclusion of agreements with Governments concerning

the Force. He shall make provisions for the settlement of claims arising with respect to the Force.

- 16. Authority of the Commander. The Commander shall have direct authority for the operation of the Force and for arrangements for the provision of facilities, supplies and auxiliary services. In the exercise of this authority he shall act in consultation with the Secretary-General and in accordance with the administrative and financial principles contained in Regulations 17-28 following.
- 17. United Nations Command Headquarters. The Commander shall establish the Headquarters for the Force and such other operational centres and liaison offices as may be found necessary.
- 18. Finance and accounting. Financial administration of the Force shall be in accordance with the Financial Rules for the United Nations Emergency Force Special Account, such of the United Nations Financial Regulations and Rules as are not inconsistent with them, and the procedures prescribed by the Secretary-General.

19. Personnel.

- (a) The Commander shall recruit from Member Governments officers for this Command. Such officers are entitled to the privileges and immunities of article VI of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations. The Commander shall be entitled to the privileges, immunities and facilities of sections 19 and 27 of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.
- (b) The Commander shall arrange with the Secretary-General for such detailment of staff from the United Nations Secretariat to serve with the Force as may be necessary. Staff members of the United Nations detailed by the Secretary-General to serve with the Force shall be responsible to the Commander in the performance of their functions in accordance with the terms of their assignment by the Secretary-General. They remain subject to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations and to the authority of the Secretary-General and remain entitled to the privileges and immunities of articles V and VII of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.
- (c) The Commander may recruit such local personnel as he requires. The terms and conditions of employment for locally recruited personnel shall be prescribed by the Commander and shall generally, to the extent practicable, follow the practice prevailing in the locality. They shall not be subject to or entitled to the benefits of the Staff Regulations of the United Nations, but shall be entitled to the immunity in respect of official acts provided in section 18 (a) of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations. Disputes concerning the terms of employment and conditions of service of locally recruited personnel shall be settled by administrative procedure to be established by the Commander.
- 20. <u>Food</u>, accommodations and amenities. The Commander shall have charge of the billeting and the provision of food for all personnel attached to the Force, and may negotiate with Governments and private suppliers for the provision of premises and food. The Commander may

- establish, maintain and operate at headquarters, camps and posts, in accordance with such conditions as he may prescribe, service institutes providing amenities for members of the Force and of the United Nations Secretariat detailed by the Secretary-General to serve with the Force.
- 21. <u>Transportation</u>. The Commander shall arrange for the transportation of personnel and equipment to and from the area of operations; shall make provision for local transportation within the area; and shall coordinate the use of all transportation facilities.
- 22. Supplies. The Commander shall be responsible for the procurement, storage and issuance of supplies required by the Force.
- 23. Equipment. The Commander shall make such arrangements as may be necessary for obtaining equipment required by the Force, other than the standard equipment expected to accompany national contingents.
- 24. <u>Communications services</u>. The Commander shall make appropriate arrangements for the inclusion in the Force of such supporting units as may be necessary to provide for the establishment, operation and maintenance of telecommunication and postal services within the area of operations and with the United Nations offices.
- 25. <u>Maintenance and other services</u>. The Commander shall arrange for the necessary supporting units to provide maintenance repairs and other services required for the operation of the Force.
- 26. Medical, dental and sanitary services. The Commander shall arrange for the necessary supporting units to provide medical, dental and sanitary services for all personnel and shall make such other arrangements as may be necessary.
- 27. <u>Contracts</u>. The Commander shall enter into contracts and make commitments for the purpose of carrying out his functions under these Regulations.
- 28. <u>Public information</u>. Public information activities of the Force and relations of the Force with the Press and other information media shall be the responsibility of the Commander acting in accordance with policy defined by the Secretary-General.

CHAPTER V. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS OF THE FORCE

- 29. Respect for local law and conduct befitting international status. It is the duty of members of the Force to respect the laws and regulations of a Host State and to refrain from any activity of a political character in a Host State or other action incompatible with the international nature of their duties. They shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner befitting their status as members of the United Nations Emergency Force.
- 30. United Nations legal protection. Members of the Force are entitled to the legal protection of the United Nations and shall be regarded as agents of the United Nations for the purpose of such protection.

- 31. <u>Instructions</u>. In the performance of their duties for the Force the members of the Force shall receive their instructions only from the Commander and the chain of command designated by him.
- 32. <u>Discretion and non-communication of information</u>. Members of the Force shall exercise the utmost discretion in regard to all matters relating to their duties and functions. They shall not communicate to any person any information known to them by reason of their position with the Force which has not been made public, except in the course of their duties or by authorization of the Commander. The obligations of this Regulation do not cease upon the termination of their assignment with the Force.
- 33. Honours and remuneration from external sources. No member of the Force may accept any honour, decoration, favour, gift or remuneration incompatible with the individual's status and functions as a member of the Force.

34. Jurisdiction.

(a) Members of the Force shall be subject to the criminal jurisdiction of their respective national States in accordance with the laws and regulations of those States. They shall not be subject to the criminal jurisdiction of the courts of the Host State. Responsibility for the exercise of criminal jurisdiction shall rest with the authorities of the State concerned, including as appropriate the commanders of the national contingents.

(b) Members of the Force shall not be subject to the civil jurisdiction of the courts of the Host State or to other legal process in any matter

relating to their official duties.

(c) Members of the Force shall remain subject to the military rules and regulations of their respective national States without derogating from their responsibilities as members of the Force as defined in these

Regulations and any rules made pursuant thereto.

- (d) Disputes involving the Force and its members shall be settled in accordance with such procedures provided by the Secretary-General as may be required, including the establishment of a claims commission or commissions. Supplemental instructions defining the jurisdiction of such commissions or other bodies as may be established shall be issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with article 3 of these Regulations.
- 35. Customs duties and foreign exchange regulations. Members of the Force shall comply with such arrangements regarding customs and foreign exchange regulations as may be made between the Host State concerned and the United Nations.
- 36. Identity cards. The Commander, under the authority of the Secretary-General, shall provide for the issuance and use of personal identity cards certifying that the bearer is a member of the United Nations Emergency Force. Members of the Force may be required to present, but not to surrender, their identity cards upon demand of an appropriate authority of a State in which the Force operates.

- 37. <u>Driving</u>. In driving vehicles members of the Force shall exercise the <u>utmost</u> care at all times. Orders concerning driving of service vehicles and permits or licences for such operation shall be issued by the Commander.
- 38. Pay. Responsibility for pay of members of the Force shall rest with their respective national State. They shall be paid in the field in accordance with arrangements to be made between the appropriate pay officer of their respective national State and the Commander.
- 39. Overseas service allowance. The Secretary-General shall fix a scale for a daily overseas service allowance not to exceed one US dollar (\$1.00) a day to be paid by the United Nations in the appropriate currency to those members of the Force determined to be eligible for such allowance. Eligibility and entitlement shall be decided by the Commander in accordance with conditions prescribed in rules provided by him in accordance with article 4 of these Regulations.
- 40. Service incurred death, injury or illness. In the event of death, injury or illness of a member of the Force attributable to service with the Force, the respective State from whose military services the member has come will be responsible for such benefits or compensation awards as may be payable under the laws and regulations applicable to service in the armed forces of that State. The Commander shall have responsibility for arrangements concerning the body and personal property of a deceased member of the Force.
- 41. <u>Dependants</u>. Members of the Force may not be accompanied to their duty station by members of their families except where expressly authorized and in accordance with conditions prescribed by the Commander.
- 42. Leave. The Commander shall provide conditions for the granting of passes and leave.
- 43. <u>Promotions</u>. Promotions in rank for members of the Force remain the responsibility of the Participating Government.

CHAPTER VI. APPLICABILITY OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

44. Observance of Conventions. The Force shall observe the principles and spirit of the general international Conventions applicable to the conduct of military personnel.