

M A N D A T E
ARTICLES OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING CSCE SPILLOVER
MONITOR MISSION TO SKOPJE

ARTICLE ONE (MANDATE)

1. In accordance with decisions of the 16th Meeting of the CSCE Committee of Senior Officials on the presence of observers in countries bordering Serbia and Montenegro, a CSCE Monitor Mission, which will establish a Mission Co-ordination Centre in the city of Skopje, shall be established to monitor developments along the borders of the Host Country with Serbia in order to preserve territorial integrity; to promote the maintenance of peace, stability and security; and to prevent possible conflict in the region. The Monitor Mission shall therefore engage in talks with Governmental Authorities of the Host Party and shall establish contacts with representatives of political parties and other organisations, and with ordinary citizens. The Mission shall conduct trips to assess the level of stability as well as the possibility of conflict and unrest throughout the region. The Mission shall engage in such other activities as are compatible with the goals as stated in this Article. If conflicts should occur, the Monitor Mission shall assist in establishing the facts in order to avoid further deterioration.

2. To this end, the Host Party shall provide the Sending Parties with all relevant information and extend full co-operation as necessary for the accomplishment of the Mission's objectives. Further, the Host Party shall appoint a Governmental Representative to facilitate the successful execution of the goals and duties of the Monitor Mission.

ARTICLE TWO (DURATION)

1. The Monitor Mission shall commence its activities as described in Article One as soon as possible on the mutual agreement of the Participating Parties.

2. These Understandings shall enter into force on November 7, 1992 and shall remain in force until such time as one side of the Participating Parties notifies the other side, fifteen days in advance, that it intends to request an end to the activities as described in Article One.

ARTICLE THREE (CO-ORDINATING ARRANGEMENTS)

The activities of the Monitor Mission shall be co-ordinated from the Mission Co-ordination Centre in Skopje. The Monitor Mission may establish Regional Monitoring Centres as necessary.

ARTICLE FOUR (STATUS)

1. The Host Party shall be responsible for the full protection, safety and security of the Monitor Mission and its Members. If any specific provisions regarding such protection are envisaged, they shall be submitted to the Head of the Monitor Mission for his consideration and counsel.

2. For the purpose of conducting its activities, the Monitor Mission and its personnel, together with their transport vehicles and other equipment and facilities, shall enjoy unrestricted freedom of movement.

3. The Monitor Mission shall operate only in areas where the Head of the Monitor Mission is convinced, in his own judgement and taking into account the guarantees of the Host Party, that the safety and security of the personnel of the Monitor Mission are guaranteed.

4. When conducting their activities, personnel of the Monitor Mission shall, at their request, be accompanied by Escort Officers and/or interpreters as designated by the Head of the Monitor Mission. The Escort Officers/Interpreters will assist the personnel of the Monitor Mission in executing their duties.

5. The Monitor Mission shall, where possible, display placards or other such signs bearing the name of the CSCE, in appropriate languages, on the Mission Co-ordination Centre, any Regional Monitor Centres which may be established, Mission transport vehicles, and/or elsewhere as determined by the Head of the Monitor Mission.