



## Security Council

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### Letter dated 5 March 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 17 February 2021, from the Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Jens Stoltenberg, transmitting the report on the international security presence in Kosovo, covering the period from 1 October to 31 December 2020 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would 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 October to 31 December 2020 (see enclosure). I would appreciate your making the report available to the members of the Council.

*(Signed)* Jens **Stoltenberg**

## Enclosure

### Report to the United Nations on Kosovo Force operations

1. The present report is submitted in accordance with Security Council resolution [1244 \(1999\)](#) and covers Kosovo Force (KFOR) activities during the period from 1 October to 31 December 2020.
2. As at 31 December 2020, the total number of KFOR troops in theatre remained approximately 3,500, from 19 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and 8 non-NATO troop-contributing nations.
3. During the reporting period, there were no major security incidents and no requests for KFOR to intervene 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 remained generally calm but fragile. This is due to unresolved political and inter-ethnic issues.
5. On 4 November, the Specialist Prosecutor's Office arrested the former Speaker of the Kosovo Assembly, Jakup Krasniqi, who was then transferred to The Hague. On 5 November, the President of Kosovo, Hasim Thaci, submitted his resignation after the Kosovo Specialist Chambers confirmed the indictment filed against him for alleged war crimes. Indictments against the leader of the Democratic Party of Kosovo, Kadri Veseli, and the head of the Movement for Self-Determination (Vetëvendosje), Rexhep Selimi, were also confirmed. The three individuals were subsequently transferred to The Hague. No security incidents were reported.
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 of Kosovo, including by donating a significant amount of personal protective equipment. 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. During the reporting period, there were no significant security incidents 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 in the area of responsibility, 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.