

LETTER OF INTENT
CONCERNING
COOPERATION ON THE
MULTINATIONAL UNITED NATIONS
STAND-BY FORCES HIGH READINESS BRIGADE

Considering that the United Nations is facing changes in activities related to the maintenance of international peace and security,

Supporting the efforts to consolidate and improve the United Nations Stand-by Arrangements System,

The Undersigned:

Note the Report by the Working Group on a Multinational United Nations Stand-by Forces High Readiness Brigade dated 15th of August 1995, concerning the establishment of a multinational brigade-size force at high readiness, composed of contributions to the UN Stand-by Arrangements System.

Recognise that such a brigade would enhance the United Nations' rapid deployment capability.

Express their firm support for a Multinational United Nations Stand-by Forces High Readiness Brigade, hereinafter called SHIRBRIG, and their intention to co-operate amongst themselves to establish and maintain the SHIRBRIG.

Acknowledge that the SHIRBRIG will only be employed on a case-by-case basis, in a manner safe-guarding national sovereignty considerations, on deployments of up to 6 months duration in peacekeeping operations mandated by the Security Council under Chapter VI of the Charter of the United Nations, including humanitarian tasks.

Intend to initiate the establishment of a permanent Planning Element of the SHIRBRIG from the 1st of January 1997, and to use their best efforts to have an initial operational and logistical capacity in the Brigade from the 1st of January 1998.

Express their firm support for the establishment of a Steering Committee which will serve as an executive body for oversight and policy guidance of both the SHIRBRIG and the associated Planning Element.

Recognise that they may jointly invite additional Member States of the United Nations to sign this Letter of Intent.