



Multinational Force and Observers

26 March 1998

Sir,

I have the honor to refer to the agreement regarding the participation of New Zealand in the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) which was effected by an exchange of letters dated 18 and 19 March 1982 and most recently extended in 1996, and which provides for New Zealand participation in the MFO until 31 March 1998, and to refer to recent communications with a view to extending New Zealand participation in the MFO beyond that date. Those communications have manifested the shared desire to continue New Zealand participation for a further period under an agreement that consolidates and brings up to date the arrangements agreed to in the past. It is now apparent that those exchanges and a consolidated agreement cannot be completed before the present period of participation is to come to an end.

Accordingly, I have the honor to propose that the Parties undertake to complete our exchanges as quickly as possible in order to enter into a consolidated agreement which will take effect as of 1 April 1998, and that, until such agreement enters into effect, the provisions of the exchange of notes that now constitutes an agreement between the Parties will continue to be applied by the Parties to

The Honorable

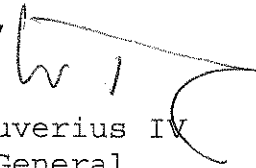
Don McKinnon

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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the New Zealand contingent. I propose, if this is acceptable to the Government of New Zealand, that this letter and your confirmatory reply will constitute an agreement between the MFO and the Government of New Zealand which will come into effect on the date of your reply and remain in effect until such time as the proposed agreement is concluded and enters into effect as of 1 April 1998.

Sincerely,

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Wat T. Cluverius IV
Director General



MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

30 March 1998

Wat T. Cluverius IV
Director General
Multinational Force and Observers
ROME

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 25 March which reads as follows:

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I have the honor to refer to the agreement regarding the participation of New Zealand in the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) which was effected by an exchange of letters dated 18 and 19 March 1982 and most recently extended in 1996, and which provides for New Zealand participation in the MFO until 31 March 1998, and to refer to recent communications with a view to extending New Zealand participation in the MFO beyond that date. Those communications have manifested the shared desire to continue New Zealand participation for a further period under an agreement that consolidates and brings up to date the arrangements agreed to in the past. It is now apparent that those exchanges and a consolidated agreement cannot be completed before the present period of participation is to come to an end.

Accordingly, I have the honor to propose that the Parties undertake to complete our exchanges as quickly as possible in order to enter into a consolidated agreement which will take effect as of 1 April 1998, and that, until such agreement enters into effect, the provisions of the exchange of notes that now constitutes an agreement between the Parties will continue to be applied by the Parties to the New Zealand contingent. I propose, if this is acceptable to the Government of New Zealand, that this letter and your confirmatory reply will constitute an agreement between the MFO and the Government of New Zealand which will come into effect on the date of your reply and remain in effect until such time as the proposed agreement is concluded and enters into effect as of 1 April 1998.

Sincerely,

Wat T. Cluverius IV
Director General”

I wish to convey the agreement of my Government to the continuation of New Zealand's participation in the Multinational Force and Observers after 31 March 1998 on the basis set forth in your letter. The provisions of the exchange of notes dated 20 March and 27 March 1996 that now constitute an agreement between the Parties shall continue to be applied by the Government of New Zealand until such time as a consolidated agreement shall take effect. My Government therefore concurs with your proposal that your letter, together with this reply, shall constitute an agreement between the MFO and New Zealand which shall enter into force on this date.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. McKinnon', written in a cursive style.

Rt Hon Don McKinnon
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade