

**REGULATION NO. 1999/8**  
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## **ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KOSOVO PROTECTION CORPS**

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General,

Acting pursuant to the authority given to him under United Nations Security Council [resolution 1244 \(1999\)](#) of 10 June 1999,

Hereby promulgates the following:

### Section 1

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KOSOVO PROTECTION CORPS**

1.1 The Kosovo Protection Corps shall be established as a civilian emergency service agency, the tasks of which shall be to:

- (a) (a) Provide disaster response services;
- (b) (b) Perform search and rescue;
- (c) (c) Provide a capacity for humanitarian assistance in isolated areas;
- (d) (d) Assist in demining; and
- (e) (e) Contribute to rebuilding infrastructure and communities.

1.2 The Kosovo Protection Corps shall not have any role in law enforcement or the maintenance of law and order.

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### Section 2

#### **ORGANIZATION OF THE KOSOVO PROTECTION CORPS**

2.1 The Kosovo Protection Corps shall consist of active members, up to a maximum of three thousand, as well as reserve members, up to a maximum of two thousand, who may be called upon when required.

2.2 Members of the Kosovo Protection Corps shall be individually recruited on the basis of professional criteria required for the functions to be performed. In keeping with the multi-ethnic character of the Kosovo Protection Corps, at least ten percent of both active and reserve members shall comprise individuals from minority groups.

2.3 The Special Representative of the Secretary-General shall have final authority over the selection and appointment of members of the Kosovo Protection Corps and shall have the authority to dismiss such members on appropriate grounds.

2.4 The Kosovo Protection Corps shall not take part in any political activity, nor shall members of the Kosovo Corps hold public office or actively engage in political affairs.

### Section 3

#### **FUNCTIONING OF THE KOSOVO PROTECTION CORPS**

The Kosovo Protection Corps shall operate under the authority of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General. KFOR shall provide day-to-day operational direction to the Kosovo Protection Corps in accordance with policies and priorities established by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General.

### Section 4

#### **ENTRY INTO FORCE**

The present regulation shall enter into force when the Special Representative of the Secretary-General determines that necessary funding is available for the establishment and maintenance of the Kosovo Protection Corps and COMKFOR confirms compliance with the relevant provisions of Security Council [resolution 1244 \(1999\)](#).

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