



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Multinational Force and Observers (MFO)

The United States will soon commit active military units to the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) which has been established by the Egyptian-Israeli Protocol of August 1981 to supervise the security arrangements as specified by the Egyptian-Israeli Treaty of Peace. There is no termination date for the MFO and, although all services may be involved, it is anticipated that the U.S. Army will provide the majority of units and personnel involved with the U.S. contribution to the MFO.

In accordance with section 138 of the current continuing resolution (P.L. 97-51, approved on October 1, 1981), U.S. forces will not be dispatched to the Sinai for participation in the MFO until authorized by enactment of legislation currently pending before the Congress. The Congressional resolution (S.J. Res. 100) enabling U.S. participation and the Aide Memoire between the U.S. Government and the MFO will establish the authorization and general guidance for execution of the U.S. commitment. Accordingly, and in order to ensure that administrative, operational and logistical requirements necessary to support the U.S. contingent and the MFO overall are established, I hereby designate the Department of the Army as the Executive Agent for matters pertaining to U.S. military participation in and support to the MFO and approve the attached Terms of Reference. Any changes to the Terms of Reference and/or supplemental implementing instructions will be coordinated with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs (ASD/ISA). Department of Defense supplies and services may be provided to the MFO when the ASD/ISA advises that appropriate reimbursable arrangements have been concluded between the Department of Defense and the MFO.

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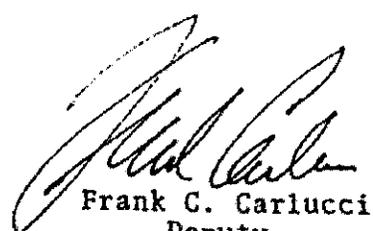
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The Department of State will provide, through the ASD/ISA, separate instructions defining the relationships between U.S. military personnel and units contributed to the MFO and the Chiefs of U.S. diplomatic missions, which will be based on the Aide Memoire between the U.S. Government and the Organization of the Multinational Force and Observers.



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