Summary of Conclusions for Meeting of the NSC Deputies Committee

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SUBJECT: Summary of Conclusions of Deputies Committee Meeting on Bosnia

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Summary of Conclusions

Russian Relationship with IFOR

1. Deputies discussed options for Russian involvement within a multilateral, political framework for Bosnian peace implementation, in preparation for meetings in Moscow. Drawing on a State memorandum, Deputies agreed to study further the following option:

- A coalition of forces on the Desert Storm model. A UN resolution would request “interested states and appropriate regional organizations” to undertake implementation. The coalition could be limited to the military implementation (which NATO would run) or could include civilian aspects as well.
The above option would build on NATO and FFP structures to form a practical strategic partnership (a coalition) for implementation of the peace agreement. It would not alter our basic position that IFOR be under clear NATO command and control with exclusive political guidance from the NAC.

2. Deputies agreed that State should revise the discussion memo, as an internal U.S. government position, making the relationship to NATO decision-making bodies more clear and emphasizing NATO's final decision-making authority. In addition, Deputies agreed to include in the new State paper a set of "red lines" for use in negotiations in Moscow and to drop any reference to common funding (Action: State). (S)

Strategy for London and Moscow Conferences on Implementation

3. Deputies reaffirmed that the President has not agreed to a signing of a peace agreement in Paris and that the location for signing a peace agreement was unresolved. The Deputies agreed that State would draft a "notional" sequencing and agenda for upcoming conferences that would include Paris, London, Moscow and a fourth signing event (Action: State). (S)

Sanctions

4. Deputies reaffirmed that the negotiating team had no authority to offer interim sanctions relief to the FRY prior to signature of a peace agreement but that the option would be reviewed if requested by the negotiating team. (S)