A post-SFOR strategy in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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The report by Katerina DASKALAKI (UFE, Gr) on a post-SFOR strategy in Bosnia-Herzegovina was adopted by the Committee. The committee recommends that the Council decide on a joint action, with a view to active EU participation in a multinational force to follow on from SFOR beyond June 1998. It also calls for the WEU to coordinate the military efforts of EU Member States within a NATO-led post-SFOR operation. European involvement, it believes, should contribute to peace-building and reconstruction in Bosnia-Herzegovina on the basis of the Dayton Agreement. Any follow-on force should provide appropriate support to civil implementation of the agreement. The mandate of the multinational force should include training of local police forces and go hand-in-hand with a substantial expansion in the number of UN police. The committee wishes to ensure the continuity of the mandate for the European Community Monitoring Mission (ECMM) and stresses the importance of continuing the ban on arms transfers to the former Yugoslavia so as to prevent any rearmament which would encourage further military action. It believes that all decision-makers in Bosnia-Herzegovina must be pressured forthwith to stop the production of mines in Bosnia-Herzegovina and their export from that country.