

of service for the members of the Force. National contingents provided for the Force serve under these Regulations.

5. The Regulations and the Agreement referred to in paragraph 2 of this letter also secure to the Force and its individual members the privileges and immunities necessary for the independent exercise of its functions. I should like to direct your attention to the provisions of the Regulations and of the Agreement which provide these privileges and immunities and particularly to article 29 of the Regulations and to paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 of my letter to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cyprus. It will be noted that paragraph 11 of this letter states that "Members of the Force shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of their respective national States in respect of any criminal offences which may be committed by them in Cyprus". This immunity from the jurisdiction of Cyprus is based on the understanding that the authorities of the participating States would exercise such jurisdiction as might be necessary with respect to crimes or offences committed in Cyprus by any members of the Force provided from their own military services. It is assumed that the participating States will act accordingly.

6. I should also like to direct your attention to article 2 of the Regulations concerning their authority and to article 13 of the Regulations concerning "Good order and discipline". These articles provide:

"2. *Authority of Regulations.* The present Regulations and supplemental instructions and orders issued pursuant thereto shall be binding upon all members of the Force. Contravention thereof shall constitute an offence subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the military laws and regulations applicable to the national contingent to which the offender belongs.

"13. *Good order and discipline.* The Commander shall have general responsibility for the good order and discipline of the Force. He may make investigations, conduct inquiries and require information, reports and consultations for the purpose of discharging this responsibility. Responsibility for disciplinary action in national contingents provided for the Force rests with the commanders of the national contingents. Reports concerning disciplinary action shall be communicated to the Commander who may consult with the commander of the national contingent and, if necessary, through the Secretary-General with the authorities of the Participating State concerned."

7. In view of the considerations set out in paragraphs 5 and 6 above, I should appreciate your assurance that the commander of the national contingent provided by your Government will be in a position to exercise the necessary disciplinary authority. I should also appreciate your assurance that your Government will be prepared to exercise firm and effective jurisdiction with respect to any crime or offence which might be committed by a member of such national contingent and to report to the United Nations in each case on the action taken.

8. The effective functioning of the Force requires that some continuity of service of units with the Force be ensured in order that the Commander may be in a position to plan his operations with knowledge of what units will be available. I should, therefore, appreciate your assurance that the national contingent provided by your Government will not be withdrawn without adequate prior notification to the Secretary-General, so as to avoid the impairment of the ability of the Force to discharge its functions. Likewise, should