

circumstances render the service of your national contingent with the Force no longer necessary, the Secretary-General undertakes to consult with your Government and to give adequate prior notification concerning its withdrawal.

9. Reference is also made to articles 11 and 12 of the Regulations which deal with "Command authority" and "Chain of command and delegation of authority". Article 12 provides, inter alia, that changes in commanders of national contingents which have been made available by participating Governments should be made in consultation among the Secretary-General, the Force Commander, and the appropriate authorities of the participating Government.

10. I should also like to refer to article 40 of the Regulations concerning "Observance of Conventions" which provides:

"The Force shall observe the principles and spirit of the general international Conventions applicable to the conduct of military personnel".

11. The international Conventions referred to in this Regulation include, inter alia, the Geneva (Red Cross) Conventions of 12 August 1949 to which your Government is a party and the UNESCO Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the event of armed conflict, signed at the Hague on 14 May 1954. In this connexion, and particularly with respect to the humanitarian provisions of these Conventions, it is requested that the Governments of the participating States ensure that the members of their contingents serving with the Force be fully acquainted with the obligations arising under these Conventions and that appropriate steps be taken to ensure their enforcement.

12(a) Authorities of the participating State will, in accordance with and within their domestic legislation, use their best efforts to bring about settlement of claims and compliance with awards made by a Cypriot court or by the Claims Commission against a member of the contingent of the State with respect to acts committed outside the scope of his official functions.

(b) In addition to the undertaking in subparagraph (a) above, the participating States will, as appropriate, enter into supplementary agreements with the United Nations concerning the settlement of claims arising out of acts committed by a member of their national contingent either within or outside the scope of his official functions.

13. Finally, I suggest that questions involving expenses should be dealt with, in the light of the resolution of the Security Council, in a supplemental agreement. Such other supplementary arrangements concerning the service of your national contingents with the Force may be made as occasion requires.

14. It is the intention that this letter together with your reply accepting the proposals set forth herein shall constitute an agreement between the United Nations and Canada and shall be deemed to have taken effect from the date that the national contingent provided by your Government departed from its home country to assume duties with the Force. It is also intended that it shall remain in force until such time as your national contingent may be withdrawn from the Force either in accordance with the terms of paragraph 8 above or in the light of developments affecting the functioning of the Force which may render its service no longer necessary. The provisions of paragraph 15 relating to the settlement of disputes should remain in force until all outstanding claims have been settled.