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SLOVAK REPUBLIC

The Slovak Republic has deployed in operations 562 military personnel in total in 2007. The Slovak Republic has maintained, on average, some 6% of its reported land forces on operations over the last two years.

The Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic have participated in NATO-led operations with 228 military personnel. The Land Forces of the Slovak Republic are deployed in KFOR (approximately 138), NTM-I (6), NATO HQ Sarajevo (1). Since September 2002, the Slovak Air Forces has maintained airfield construction unit in operation ISAF. In December 2007, the Slovak Air Forces has deployed two helicopters with crew and logistic support in KFOR. In addition, Slovakia has deployed two officers to the Hungarian Provincial Reconstruction Team in ISAF. In December 2007, the Slovak Authorities approved additional deployment to the South of Afghanistan which substantially increased Slovak contribution to the operation. The contribution is aimed at Operational Mentoring and Liaison Teams, force protection and medical support in cooperation with the Netherland's contingent.

The Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic has deployed 346 military personnel in the UN and EU operations and missions and in the coalition operation in Iraq. The Slovak Land Forces personnel is permanently deployed in UN operations and missions: UNDOF with approximately 95 personnel, UNFICYP with approximately 196, observing mission UNTSO with two officers and UNIFIL with 6 personnel in medical detachment. In EU operation ALTHEA are deployed 39 personnel and in EU Monitoring Mission in former Yugoslavia 2 officers.

The Slovak Republic is strongly committed to the NATO Response Force and EU Battle Group concept. By the end of 2007, Slovakia has finalized the preparation of a mechanized battalion for standby readiness of NRF rotation scheduled for the first half of 2008. This contribution represents the first significant contribution of Slovakia to the NRF made so far. We plan to provide further contributions to NRF in the second half of 2009 with a detachment of 23 personnel; in the first half of 2011 with a transport company and in the first half of 2012 with a mechanised infantry battalion group comprising up to 1,763 military personnel.

The Slovak Republic intends to participate with up to 300 soldiers in the EU Battle Group formed in cooperation with the Czech Republic, which will be on standby in the second half of 2009. Furthermore, we plan to participate in the EU Battle Group led by Poland together with Germany, Latvia and Lithuania with up to 250 military personnel in the first half of 2010.

The Slovak Republic maintains its contribution up to 200 military personnel to the multinational engineer battalion formed together with Romania, Hungary and the Ukraine for disaster relief in the Tisa river region. The unit could be deployed at the request of any of participating countries.

The Slovak Republic's defence expenditure was estimated at 1.7 % of GDP in 2006, in reality it was 1.65 %. The proportion of that expenditure for procurement of major equipment was planned at 15.3 % in 2006, in reality it was 12.65 %.

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