

**Executive Order 12983—
Amendment to Executive Order
12871**

December 21, 1995

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to improve the functioning of the National Partnership Council, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order No. 12871, entitled "Labor-Management Partnerships," ("the order") is amended as follows:

Section 1. Section 1(a) of the order is amended to delete "and" at the end of item (9), delete the period at the end of item (10), add "; and" at the end of item (10), and add item "(11) one elected office holder each from both the Senior Executives Association and the Federal Managers Association."

Sec. 2. Section 1(b) of the order is amended to delete "and" at the end of item (4), delete the period at the end of item (5), add "; and" at the end of item (5), and add "(6) reporting to the President by October 1996 on the progress of and results achieved through labor-management partnership throughout the executive branch."

Sec. 3. Section 1(c)(2) of the order is revised to read: "(2) The Council shall seek input from nonmember Federal agencies, particularly smaller agencies. It also may, from time to time, invite experts from the private and public sectors to submit information. The Council shall also seek input from Federal manager and professional associations, companies, nonprofit organizations, State and local governments, Federal employees, and customers of Federal services, as needed."

Sec. 4. Section 1(c)(4) of the order is revised to read: "(4) Members of the Council shall serve without compensation for their work on the Council, but may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by law, for persons serving intermittently in Government service."

William J. Clinton

The White House,
December 21, 1995.

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**Letter to Congressional Leaders on
Bosnia-Herzegovina**

December 21, 1995

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Mr. President:)

I last reported to the Congress on December 6, 1995, concerning U.S. support for the United Nations and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) efforts to bring peace to the former Yugoslavia. In that report I noted the success of our diplomatic efforts at Dayton, Ohio, to assist the parties to reach a negotiated settlement to the conflict in the former Yugoslavia and reported the deployment of a NATO "enabling force" and U.S. support forces in order to lay the groundwork for the deployment of the main body of the NATO-led Implementation Force (IFOR). I am now able to report that on December 14, 1995, the peace agreement that was initiated in Dayton was formally signed in Paris.

Following the formal signing of the peace agreement by all the parties, and consistent with our consultations with the Congress, United Nations Security Council Resolution 1031, and the North Atlantic Council (NAC) decision of December 16, 1995, I have ordered the deployment of approximately 20,000 U.S. military personnel to participate in the IFOR in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, principally in a sector surrounding Tuzla. Approximately 5,000 U.S. military personnel will also deploy as part of the IFOR in other states of the former Yugoslavia, principally Croatia. The IFOR, including U.S. forces assigned to it, will be under NATO operational control and will operate under NATO rules of engagement. In addition, a total of approximately 7,000 U.S. support forces, under U.S. command and control and rules of engagement, will deploy in Hungary, Croatia, Italy, and other states in the region in support of IFOR. These force levels are those stated by U.S. commanders to be