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### **Press Release**

#### **Greek Contingent Change of Command Ceremony in Camp “Rigas Fereos” on February 14<sup>th</sup> 2011.**

**Today, 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2011**, in Camp “Rigas Fereos”, the Change of Command ceremony of the KFOR Greek Contingent took place.

The Ceremony in Camp “Rigas Fereos” was attended by COMKFOR, Major General Erhard BÜHLER. The outgoing Colonel Georgios HATZITHEOFANOUS handed over the command to Colonel Lampros ZUMIS. Many distinguished guests and religious leaders attended the event.

COMKFOR expressed his gratitude to Colonel Georgios HATZITHEOFANOUS for his strong commitment during his mandate and welcomed the new appointed Commander Colonel Lampros ZUMIS.

He highlighted the important role and the strong and professional contribution of Greek Contingent that operated in the Northern part of Kosovo as well as in the south. General BÜHLER marked the outstanding performance in all the operation they conducted, for example the successful “Joint Commitment North” operation.

On the same occasion he emphasized that the situation all over Kosovo has highly improved, and in general it can be assessed as calm and stable - also thanks to the great contribution of the population, of local political and religious leaders.



In a few days KFOR will finalize its reorganization and this means that KFOR, after having reduced its troops to around 5000, it still will be fully operational, by being more flexible, mobile and especially by keeping a high readiness and professionalism of its soldiers. Two new Battle Groups will conduct operations Kosovo wide and they will be under COMKFOR direct command. They have no fixed area of responsibility and are not the point of contact for the population. This will be the task of five Joint Regional Detachments in five Region of Kosovo. They are the points of contact and the KFOR-partners for all the Key Leaders and the population.