STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 1779

DEFENCE

The Visiting Forces (Designation) Order 1997

Made - - - - 22nd July 1997

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 22nd day of July 1997 Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas it appears to Her Majesty that, having regard to the arrangements for defence co-operation to which Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the governments of the countries specified in Article 2 of this Order are parties, it is expedient that the provisions of the Visiting Forces Act 1952(1) ("the 1952 Act") following section 1 should have effect in relation to each of those countries:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the powers conferred on Her by sections 1(2) and 15(2) of the 1952 Act, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

- 1. This Order may be cited as the Visiting Forces (Designation) Order 1997.
- 2. The following countries are hereby designated for the purposes of sections 2 to 19 of, and the Schedule to, the Visiting Forces Act 1952:—

Albania, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Sweden.

3. This Order shall not extend to any of the territories specified in section 15(3) of the Visiting Forces Act 1952.

N. H. Nicholls Clerk of the Privy Council

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order designates Albania, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Sweden as countries to which the provisions of the Visiting Forces Act 1952 apply. The Order partially implements the obligations imposed on the United Kingdom by the agreement, dated 19 June 1995, made between Member States of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) and those other States which have accepted the invitation to take part in the Partnership for Peace (Miscellaneous No. 12 (1996), Cm 3237).