



DATE: 28 July 2004

REFERENCE: ITF/04/03(Case# 0220/04)

TO: Mr. Charles Brayshaw
A: Acting Special Representative of the Secretary-General

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FROM: John Todd Senior Investigator
Investigation Task Force

SUBJECT: **Alleged Violation of Procurement Procedures – Electrical Equipment
(No. 0220/04)**

OBJET:

1. The ITF received information from a staff member of Pristina Airport, alleging a violation of a procurement contract because an electrical intake station at the airport failed to perform as specified in the original tender process. The intake station was installed by one electrical installation company in 2003.
2. The ITF sought an independent technical analysis of the equipment. The expert opinion did not identify any unusual technical shortcomings. A "breaker" switch needed to be replaced for airport security reasons.
3. On 16 July 2004, the staff member provided the ITF with a cost quotation for the necessary repair works amounting to Euro 3,500, which included travel costs from Croatia for the Company. The staff member claimed to not know of any applicable warranty for the repair. The ITF confirmed with the staff member's that the equipment failure was a contractual matter between the parties involved. The KTA Airport Steering Committee also informed the ITF that the Airport is currently holding a retention fund of Euro 5,000 against the Company to ensure repairs in cases of equipment failure.
4. The staff member has previously made unsubstantiated allegations to the ITF against his colleagues. Due to lack of any further evidence, the IFT concludes that the matter as presented by the staff member does not require further investigation.
5. If you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Mark Gough, Chief, Peacekeeping Investigations Unit, in our Vienna office at +43-1-26060-5406.

Cc: Mr. Jean-Marie Guehenno, USG, DPKO

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