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**SUBJECT: Russia closer to signing the Partnership for Peace (PfP) Status of  
Forces Agreement (SOFA)**

- The Russian Government press service reported on March 8, that President Putin signed a directive instructing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to sign the PfP SOFA and a supplemental protocol on behalf of the Russian Federation.
- The Allies have been urging Russia for over ten years to sign the PfP SOFA. It could accelerate practical mil-mil cooperation and ultimately may contribute to enhancing interoperability between NATO and Russian Forces.
  - o The PFP SOFA will also allow US personnel to participate in US-Russia bilateral exercises, such as TORGAU 05, a brigade-level planning exercise scheduled to take place in Moscow, Russia 22-29 May 2005.



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