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| <b>Country/<br/>entity</b>           | Bosnia and Herzegovina<br>Yugoslavia (former)   |
| <b>Region</b>                        | Europe and Eurasia<br>Europe and Eurasia  |
| <b>Agreement<br/>name</b>            | Statement of Principles, International Conference on Yugoslavia (The London Conference)   |
| <b>Date</b>                          | 26 Aug 1992   |
| <b>Agreement<br/>status</b>          | Multiparty signed/agreed  |
| <b>Interim<br/>arrangement</b>       | Yes   |
| <b>Agreement/<br/>conflict level</b> | Interstate/intrastate conflict(s) ( Balkan Conflicts (1991 - 1995) (1998 - 2001) )  |
| <b>Stage</b>                         | Pre-negotiation/process   |
| <b>Conflict<br/>nature</b>           | Government/territory  |
| <b>Peace process</b>                 | Bosnia peace process  |
| <b>Parties</b>                       | This was convened by Great Britain, which held the presidency of the EC at the time. The Participants were: The SFRY republics, the EC countries, the USA, China, Russia, Japan, Canada, The Republic of Czechoslovakia (as a state which held the presidency of CSCE – Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe) and the neighboring countries: Austria, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania |
| <b>Third parties</b>                 | -   |
| <b>Description</b>                   | This short agreement is mainly comprised of calls on conflicting parties to comply with international humanitarian law, respect agreed ceasefires and to reach a final settlement on the constitutional status of Bosnia and Herzegovina.   |

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## Groups

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| Children/<br>youth                      | Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical<br>Page 1,<br>(xi) the vital need for humanitarian aid to be provided and, under appropriate protection and with the full cooperation of the local authorities, to reach the populations in need, with special consideration for the needs of children;   |
| Disabled<br>persons                     | No specific mention.   |
| Elderly/age                             | No specific mention.   |
| Migrant<br>workers                      | No specific mention.   |
| Racial/<br>ethnic/<br>national<br>group | Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical<br>Page 1,<br>(vi) total condemnation of forcible expulsions, illegal detentions and attempts to change the ethnic composition of populations, and effective promotion of the closure of detention camps, and of the safe return to their homes of all persons displaced by the hostilities who wish this;<br><br>Page 1,<br>(v) implementation of constitutional guarantees of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons belonging to ethnic and national communities and minorities, the promotion of tolerance and the right to self determination in accordance with the commitments entered into under the CSCE and in the EC Conference on Yugoslavia; |
| Religious<br>groups                     | No specific mention.   |
| Indigenous<br>people                    | No specific mention.   |
| Other<br>groups                         | No specific mention.   |

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| Refugees/<br>displaced<br>persons | Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical<br>Page 1,<br>(vi) total condemnation of forcible expulsions, illegal detentions and attempts to change the ethnic composition of populations, and effective promotion of the closure of detention camps, and of the safe return to their homes of all persons displaced by the hostilities who wish this; |
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| Social class | No specific mention. |
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## Gender

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| Women,<br>girls and<br>gender | No specific mention. |
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| Men and<br>boys | No specific mention. |
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| LGBTI | No specific mention. |
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| Family | No specific mention. |
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## State definition

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| Nature of<br>state<br>(general) | No specific mention. |
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| State<br>configuration | No specific mention. |
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| Self<br>determination | Page 1,<br>(v) implementation of constitutional guarantees of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons belonging to ethnic and national communities and minorities, the promotion of tolerance and the right to self determination in accordance with the commitments entered into under the CSCE and in the EC Conference on Yugoslavia; |
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Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/  
secession Page 1,  
(ix) the requirement that a final settlement of all question of succession to the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia must be reached by consensus or by arbitration and the commitment of all parties to recognise each other mutually, to respect each others' status and rights under any such settlement and to share the duties and responsibilities of successor states;

Accession/  
unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation Page 1,  
(viii) the fundamental obligation to respect the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states in the region; and to respect the inviolability of all frontiers in accordance with the UN Charter, the SCE Final Act and the Charter of Paris. Rejection of all efforts to acquire territory and change borders by force;

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

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## **Governance**

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

Traditional/religious leaders No specific mention.

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

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## **Power sharing**

Political power sharing No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing No specific mention.

Economic power sharing No specific mention.

Military power sharing No specific mention.

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## **Human rights and equality**

Human rights/RoL general No specific mention.

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| Bill of rights/<br>similar | No specific mention.   |
| Treaty incorporation       | <p>Page 1,<br/>(iv) respect for the highest standards of individual rights and fundamental freedoms in a democratic society, as embodied in the International Covenants of the United Nations on Human Rights, the European Convention of Human Rights and its protocols and other instruments of the United Nations, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Council of Europe;</p> <p>Page 1,<br/>(v) implementation of constitutional guarantees of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons belonging to ethnic and national communities and minorities, the promotion of tolerance and the right to self determination in accordance with the commitments entered into under the CSCE and in the EC Conference on Yugoslavia;</p> <p>Page 1,<br/>(vii) compliance by all persons with their obligations under international humanitarian law and particular the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and the personal responsibility of those who commit or order grave breaches of the Conventions;</p> <p>Page 1,<br/>(viii) the fundamental obligation to respect the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states in the region; and to respect the inviolability of all frontiers in accordance with the UN Charter, the SCE Final Act and the Charter of Paris. Rejection of all efforts to acquire territory and change borders by force;</p> |
| Civil and political rights | No specific mention.   |
| Socio-economic rights      | No specific mention.   |

## Rights related issues

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| Citizenship | No specific mention. |
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Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication No specific mention.

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

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## **Justice sector reform**

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

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| Judiciary and courts  | No specific mention.  |
| Prisons and detention | Page 1,<br>(vi) total condemnation of forcible expulsions, illegal detentions and attempts to change the ethnic composition of populations, and effective promotion of the closure of detention camps, and of the safe return to their homes of all persons displaced by the hostilities who wish this; |
| Traditional Laws      | No specific mention.  |

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### **Socio-economic reconstruction**

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| Development or socio-economic reconstruction | Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance<br>Page 1,<br>(xi) the vital need for humanitarian aid to be provided and, under appropriate protection and with the full cooperation of the local authorities, to reach the populations in need, with special consideration for the needs of children; |
| National economic plan                       | No specific mention.   |
| Natural resources                            | No specific mention.   |
| International funds                          | No specific mention.   |
| Business                                     | No specific mention.   |
| Taxation                                     | No specific mention.   |
| Banks  | No specific mention.   |

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## Land, property and environment

Land reform/  
rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/  
nomadism  
rights No specific mention.

Cultural  
heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or  
riparian  
rights or  
access No specific mention.

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## Security sector

Security  
Guarantees No specific mention.

Ceasefire Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments  
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(i) the imperative need that all parties and others concerned should cease fighting and the use of force, should respect agreed ceasefires and restrain those who commit or seek to provoke breaches of them;

Police No specific mention.

Armed  
forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/  
rebel and  
opposition  
group  
forces No specific mention.

Withdrawal  
of foreign  
forces No specific mention.

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/  
organised  
crime No specific mention.

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

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## **Transitional justice**

Transitional  
justice  
general No specific mention.

Amnesty/  
pardon No specific mention.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

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## Implementation

UN signatory UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali was the co-chairman of the International Conference on Former Yugoslavia

Other international signatory This was convened by Great Britain, which held the presidency of the EC at the time. The Participants were: The SFRY republics, the EC countries, the USA, China, Russia, Japan, Canada, The Republic of Czechoslovakia (as a state which held the presidency of CSCE – Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe) and the neighboring countries: Austria, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania

Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar Page 2, (xii) the obligation on all parties to cooperate wholeheartedly in the international monitoring, peacekeeping and arms control operations in the territory of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and to contribute constructively to the suppression of violence throughout the area;

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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