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Country/ entity	Bosnia and Herzegovina Yugoslavia (former)
Region	Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Statement of Principles on Bosnia, International Conference on Former Yugoslavia (The London Conference)
Date	27 Aug 1992
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s) (Balkan Conflicts (1991 - 1995) (1998 - 2001))
Stage	Pre-negotiation/process
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Bosnia peace process
Parties	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
Third parties	-
Description	This short agreement contains principles for a political settlement in Bosnia and Herzegovina, including: cessation of hostilities; recognition of independence; rights for national minorities; assistance for return of those forcibly expelled; and grouping of all heavy weaponry under Bosnian Serb control.

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Groups

Children/ youth	No specific mention.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ ethnic/ national group	<p>Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical Page 1, Untitled preamble The participants in the London Conference on the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia condemn the continuing violence in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the attempts to gain territory by the use of force. They reject as inhuman and illegal the expulsion of civilian communities from their homes in order to alter the ethnic character of any area.</p> <p>Page 1, A political settlement in Bosnia and Herzegovina must include the following provisions: ...d) implementation of guarantees for the rights of persons belonging to all national communities and minorities in accordance with the UN Charter and CSCE provisions;</p> <p>Page 1-2, A political settlement in Bosnia and Herzegovina must include the following provisions: ...f) democratic and legal structures which properly protect the rights of all in Bosnia and Herzegovina, including national communities and minorities;</p>
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.

Refugees/ displaced persons	Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical Page 1, A political settlement in Bosnia and Herzegovina must include the following provisions: ...e) just and adequate arrangements for people who have been forcibly expelled from their homes including the right to return and compensation for their losses; Page 2, The negotiations will also need to cover the following arrangements:...e) the establishment of refugee and relief centres for those citizens of Bosnia-Herzegovina who have lost or been expelled from their homes, pending their return;
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
Men and boys	No specific mention.
LGBTI	No specific mention.
Family	No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general)	No specific mention.
State configuration	No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/
secession Page 1,
A political settlement in Bosnia and Herzegovina must include the following provisions:
...b) recognition of Bosnia-Herzegovina by all the former Yugoslav Republics;

Accession/
unification Page 2,
The negotiations will also need to cover the following arrangements:
a) a genuine and lasting end to the conflict throughout the Republic, and return of territory taken by force;

Border delimitation Page 1,
A political settlement in Bosnia and Herzegovina must include the following provisions:
...c) respect for the integrity of present frontiers, unless changed by mutual agreement;

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

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 Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making Page 2,
Further urgent steps are now required to achieve a settlement. The participants in the London Conference urge all parties immediately and without preconditions to resume negotiations on future constitutional arrangements within the framework of the Conference. All parties involved must participate in these negotiations with a genuine will to secure peace and a respect for the interest of the other parties.

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.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	<p>Page 1, Untitled preamble ...They welcome the adoption by the United Nations Security Council of Resolution 771 and other Security Council Resolutions, and the Resolution of the UN Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the territory of the former Yugoslavia.</p> <p>Page 1-2, A political settlement in Bosnia and Herzegovina must include the following provisions: ...f) democratic and legal structures which properly protect the rights of all in Bosnia and Herzegovina, including national communities and minorities;</p>
Bill of rights/similar	<p>No specific mention.</p>
Treaty incorporation	<p>Page 1, Untitled preamble ...They undertake to collate substantiated information on violations of international humanitarian law and to make this information available to the United Nations. They reaffirm that persons who commit or order the commission of grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions are individually responsible in respect of such breaches.</p> <p>Page 1, A political settlement in Bosnia and Herzegovina must include the following provisions: ...d) implementation of guarantees for the rights of persons belonging to all national communities and minorities in accordance with the UN Charter and CSCE provisions;</p> <p>Page 2, A political settlement in Bosnia and Herzegovina must include the following provisions: ...h) respect for all international Treaties and Agreements;</p>
Civil and political rights	<p>No specific mention.</p>
Socio-economic rights	<p>No specific mention.</p>

Rights related issues

Citizenship	Rights related issues→Citizenship→Citizen, general Page 2, The negotiations will also need to cover the following arrangements:...e) the establishment of refugee and relief centres for those citizens of Bosnia-Herzegovina who have lost or been expelled from their homes, pending their return;
Democracy	Page 1-2, A political settlement in Bosnia and Herzegovina must include the following provisions: ...f) democratic and legal structures which properly protect the rights of all in Bosnia and Herzegovina, including national communities and minorities;
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.

Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance
Page 2,
The negotiations will also need to cover the following arrangements:...f) the extension of humanitarian relief to all areas of Bosnia-Herzegovina where supplies are needed, with the cooperation of local parties;

Page 2,
As and when parties are ready to reach a settlement on the above basis, the International Community will join with them in a major reconstruction programme to cope with humanitarian needs and to restore economic activity.

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds	Page 2, As and when parties are ready to reach a settlement on the above basis, the International Community will join with them in a major reconstruction programme to cope with humanitarian needs and to restore economic activity.
Business	Page 2, A political settlement in Bosnia and Herzegovina must include the following provisions: ...i) restoration of trade and other links with neighbouring countries.
Taxation	No specific mention.
Banks	No specific mention.

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.

Security sector

Security Guarantees	No specific mention.
Ceasefire	<p>Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments</p> <p>Page 1, A political settlement in Bosnia and Herzegovina must include the following provisions: a) a full and permanent cessation of hostilities and an end of all violence and repression, including the expulsion of populations;</p> <p>Page 2, The negotiations will also need to cover the following arrangements:...g) an international peacekeeping force under UN auspices may be created by the UN Security Council to maintain the ceasefire, control military movements, and undertake other confidence building measures.</p>
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	<p>Page 2, A political settlement in Bosnia and Herzegovina must include the following provisions: ...g) assurances of non-intervention by outside military forces whether formed units or irregulars, except as provided for in relevant UN Security Council Resolutions;</p> <p>Page 2, The negotiations will also need to cover the following arrangements:...g) an international peacekeeping force under UN auspices may be created by the UN Security Council to maintain the ceasefire, control military movements, and undertake other confidence building measures.</p>

DDR	<p>Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions Page 2, The negotiations will also need to cover the following arrangements:...c) the grouping of heavy weaponry under international control; d) the demilitarisation of major towns and the monitoring of them by international observers;</p>
	<p>Page 2-3, At a meeting with FCO Minister of State Douglas Hoqq, Drs Karadzic and Koljevic representing the Bosnian Serbs signified their agreement to the following: i. That the Bosnian Serb side would notify to the UN within 96 hours the positions of all heavy weaponry to be grouped around the 4 towns of Sarajevo, Bihac, Goradze and Jajce, this grouping to be completed within a period of 7 days. The weaponry once grouped would be put under the continuous supervision of permanent UN observers. The Bosnian Serb side would expect the Bosnian Government to take reciprocal action, but would not impose this as a precondition for their own action, which would be unilateral. The Bosnian Serb side further undertook with immediate effect not to initiate fire from any of this heavy weaponry.</p>
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	<p>Page 2, A political settlement in Bosnia and Herzegovina must include the following provisions: ...g) assurances of non-intervention by outside military forces whether formed units or irregulars, except as provided for in relevant UN Security Council Resolutions;</p> <p>Page 2-3, At a meeting with FCO Minister of State Douglas Hoqq, Drs Karadzic and Koljevic representing the Bosnian Serbs signified their agreement to the following: i. That the Bosnian Serb side would notify to the UN within 96 hours the positions of all heavy weaponry to be grouped around the 4 towns of Sarajevo, Bihac, Goradze and Jajce, this grouping to be completed within a period of 7 days. The weaponry once grouped would be put under the continuous supervision of permanent UN observers. The Bosnian Serb side would expect the Bosnian Government to take reciprocal action, but would not impose this as a precondition for their own action, which would be unilateral. The Bosnian Serb side further undertook with immediate effect not to initiate fire from any of this heavy weaponry. ii. That the Bosnian Serb side recognised that in negotiations between the three Bosnian parties, they would agree to withdraw from a substantial portion of the territory now under control of their forces.</p>

Withdrawal of foreign forces	Page 2, ...The negotiations will also need to cover the following arrangements:...b) the cessation of all outside interference, in terms of personnel or material support, in the present conflict;
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	No specific mention.

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.

Implementation

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

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Referendum for agreement No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar Page 2,
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Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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