

Country/entity	Bosnia and Herzegovina Yugoslavia (former)
Region	Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Agreement on the Separation of Forces in the area of Sarajevo Airport (collection of Sarajevo agreements)
Date	22 Dec 1992
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/intrastate conflict

Balkan Conflicts (1991 - 1995) (1998 - 2001)

Former Yugoslavia

The disintegration of former Yugoslavia post cold war saw conflicts which became mediated and produced peace agreements in Slovenia (where the brief independence conflict was mediated by the EC Troika in 1991), Croatia (between Croatian and Serb populations 1991-1995), in Bosnia (between Croatian, Serb and Bosniak populations 1992-1995), in Macedonia (where mediation played a key pre-emptive role in preventing large scale conflict in 2001), in Kosovo (between Kosovar Albanians and Serbian population and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY), but also between FRY and NATO, 1998-1999), and a conflict in the Presevo Valley (between Albanians in South Serbia and FRY, 2000-2001). The continued fall-out of the disintegration of former Yugoslavia also saw mediated agreement and ultimate dissolution of the Union between Serbia and Montenegro.

Bosnia-Herzegovina

In 1991, after nationalist parties won the first multi-party elections in the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, a violent process of disintegration commenced. With its mixed population, Bosnia-Herzegovina became the centre of the following civil war that began in 1992 between the newly formed army of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina (mostly Muslim Bosniacs), and the parastatal forces of self-declared Bosnian Croat (Herzeg-Bosnia) and Bosnian Serb (Republika Srpska) entities within Bosnia-Herzegovina, supported by Croatia and Serbia, with various, often short-lived, coalitions. The General Framework Agreement (Dayton Peace Agreement), signed in 1995, split the country into two ethno-federal entities, the Bosniak-Croat Federation and the Republika Srpska, and included continued peacekeeping and institutional administration by international actors.

Kosovo

The conflict between Serbs and Kosovar Albanians has a long history and always involved territorial disputes as well as ethno-political, cultural and linguistic factors. The most recent phase of the conflict began in November 1997 when the Albanian Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA or UCK) began their campaign for the independence of Kosovo from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY – then Serbia and Montenegro). The subsequent war lasted until the NATO intervention, which undertook bombing campaigns of Belgrade and other places in Serbia during spring 1999. The main agreements solving the conflict were internationally driven and, finally, a UNSC resolution imposed a post-conflict arrangement in the wake of what was essentially a NATO military victory. In February 2008, Kosovo's parliament declared independence, but independence is still internationally disputed.

Close

Balkan Conflicts (1991 - 1995) (1998 - 2001)

Stage

Ceasefire/related

Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Bosnia peace process
Parties	Believed to be signed by military representatives of the Croatian Defence Council (Milivoj Petkovic) and the Army Republika Srpska (signature illegible)
Third parties	Signed by General Morrillon, meeting held under the auspices of UNPROF0R.
Description	This military agreement contains several sub-agreements and plans as outputs of the Mixed Military Working Group held under the auspices of UNPROR. These include: Agreement pm yjr Implementation of Area of Separation; Agreement; Agreement on Demilitarization of the Airport Area and Opening of the Corridors; and Agreement on the Realization of the Demilitarization of the Airport Area and Opening of the Corridors.

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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	No specific mention.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/displaced persons	No specific mention.
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 No specific mention.

Accession/unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles
Page 8, Agreement on the Realization of the Demilitarization of the Airport Area and Opening of the Corridors, Restoration of Civil Utilities
A Joint Commission composed of representatives from each side will be created in order to identify the priorities, to define the needs and to execute the implementation of civil utilities (electricity, water, gas, and telecommunications).
Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media logistics
Page 8, Agreement on the Realization of the Demilitarization of the Airport Area and Opening of the Corridors
This plan deals with the withdrawal of heavy weapons as the first concrete step linked with: ...d/ Restoration of civil utilities (electricity, water, gas, and telecommunications).

Mobility/access

Page 2, Agreement of the Implementation of an Area of Separation

...This plan deals with the withdrawal of heavy weapons as the first concrete step is linked with:... c. Freedom of movement for all civilians.

Page 3, Agreement of the Implementation of an Area of Separation, Freedom of movement for all civilians

The agreement signed on 13 December 1992 concerning SARAJEVO to be implemented on 18 December 1992 is reaffirmed and will be executed commencing on 25 December 1992 at 0800 hours. A copy of this agreement may be found at ANNEX A.

Page 4, Agreement of the Implementation of an Area of Separation, Removal of Heavy Weapons

d. Control Measures. The following implementation and control measures will be used:... (4) Complete freedom of movement for all UNPROFOR personnel and vehicles within the affected areas. (5) The Joint Commission will establish mixed patrols not later than December 26th, 1992.

Page 5, Agreement

The undersigned reaffirming their good will and expressing the need for a humanitarian gesture at this time have decided to open free passage within and out of the city of SARAJEVO for approximately 500 people of each side before December 24, 1992. Each side will decide who should be selected and from their own communities will provide vehicles for their transportation. Each side is responsible for the safety of the convoys in their respective areas. UNPROFOR will escort, in coordination with each side, the convoys.

Page 7, Agreement on Demilitarization of the Airport Area and Opening of the Corridors, 2.

The agreement for civilians signed December 13th will be implemented the day after the implementation of the agreement on demilitarization of the airport area and opening of the corridors from Sarajevo, being Sarajevo-Mostar, Sarajevo-Zenica (1 km to the left and to the right there are to be no army forces).

Page 8, Agreement on the Realization of the Demilitarization of the Airport Area and Opening of the Corridors

This plan deals with the withdrawal of heavy weapons as the first concrete step linked with: ...b/ Opening of land corridors towards Mostar and Zenica. c/ Freedom of movement for all civilians, in accordance with legal regulations...

Page 8, Agreement on the Realization of the Demilitarization of the Airport Area and Opening of the Corridors, The agreement on the opening of the land corridors and freedom of movement for civilians The agreement signed on the 13th December 1992 concerning Sarajevo to be implemented on the 10th December 1992 is reaffirmed and will be executed commencing on the 25th December 1992 at 0800 hrs on condition that the Sarajevo-Mostar and Sarajevo-Zenica land corridors be opened and that heavy weapons be withdrawn 1 km off the left and the right side of the road. Flow of goods and people through the corridors is to be controlled by UNPROFOR exclusively. (For copy of this agreement see ANNEX A).

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d/Control Measures...(4) Complete movement for all UNPROFOR personnel and vehicles within the affected areas... Page 7 of 17

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	<p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction</p> <p>Page 2, Agreement of the Implementation of an Area of Separation ...This plan deals with the withdrawal of heavy weapons as the first concrete step is linked with:... d. Restoration of civil utilities</p> <p>Page 3, Agreement of the Implementation of an Area of Separation, Restoration of Civil Utilities A Joint Commission composed of representatives from each side will be created in order to identify the priorities, to define the needs and to execute the implementation of civil utilities. The implementation of civil utilities. The implementation of this Joint Commission will be effective on December 26th, 1992 at 0800 hours.</p> <p>Page 8, Agreement on the Realization of the Demilitarization of the Airport Area and Opening of the Corridors This plan deals with the withdrawal of heavy weapons as the first concrete step linked with: ...d/ Restoration of civil utilities (electricity, water, gas, and telecommunications).</p> <p>Page 8, Agreement on the Realization of the Demilitarization of the Airport Area and Opening of the Corridors, Restoration of Civil Utilities A Joint Commission composed of representatives from each side will be created in order to identify the priorities, to define the needs and to execute the implementation of civil utilities (electricity, water, gas, and telecommunications).</p>
National economic plan	No specific mention.
Natural resources	No specific mention.
International funds	No specific mention.
Business	<p>Page 8, Agreement on the Realization of the Demilitarization of the Airport Area and Opening of the Corridors, The agreement on the opening of the land corridors and freedom of movement for civilians The agreement signed on the 13th December 1992 concerning Sarajevo to be implemented on the 10th December 1992 is reaffirmed and will be executed commencing on the 25th December 1992 at 0800 hrs on condition that the Sarajevo-Mostar and Sarajevo-Zenica land corridors be opened and that heavy weapons be withdrawn 1 km off the left and the right side of the road. Flow of goods and people through the corridors is to be controlled by UNPROFOR exclusively. (For copy of this agreement see ANNEX A).</p>
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** Page 8, Agreement on the Realization of the Demilitarization of the Airport Area and
Opening of the Corridors
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utilities (electricity, water, gas, and telecommunications).

Security sector

**Security
Guarantees**

Page 1, Agreement on the Separation of Forces in the Area of Sarajevo Airport, 4.
All heavy weapons (12.7 mm and above), direct and indirect fire, will be withdrawn from the area presented on the attached overlay not later than 1700 hrs. 24 December 1992. Simultaneously UNPROFOR will patrol the area between the "FORMER" conflicting sides.

Page 2, Agreement of the Implementation of an Area of Separation
The authorized representative of all three conflicting sides with the presence of the UNPROFOR representative agree on the implementation of an area of separation in the western and southern districts of SARAJEVO.

Page 3, Agreement of the Implementation of an Area of Separation, Removal of Heavy Weapons
a. Area. All heavy weapons will be withdrawn from the following locations: MOJMILO, DOBRINJA, LUKAVICA, GORNJI KOTORAC, VOJKOVICI, HRASNICA, SOKOLOVICI, BUTMIR, ILIDZA, OTES, STUP, NEDDARICI. The exact overlay of this area is to be found at ANNEX B.

Page 3, Agreement of the Implementation of an Area of Separation, Removal of Heavy Weapons
...b. Joint Commission. A Joint Commission will be created to begin on December 23rd, 1992 at 0900 hours.
(1) The mission of this Joint Commission will be to execute and implement details of this plan and subsequent phases.
(2) The Joint Commission will be composed of: (a) UNPROFOR command and support element. (b) A team of each side commanded by an officer senior enough to make decisions and designated as the authorised commander for the troops in the area affected. (c) A joint communications system which includes a command net and the necessary guaranteed communications link to each individual headquarters.
(3) The location of this Joint Commission will be at the airport settlement colocated with FRBAT who will provide the necessary accommodation and a team of experts.

Page 4, Agreement of the Implementation of an Area of Separation, Removal of Heavy Weapons
c. Timeframe. From each district the withdrawal of heavy weapons out of the circle will be divided into two days: (1) Day 1 - Withdrawal of all heavy (direct fire) weapons (tanks, APCs, anti-tank, anti-aircraft and heavy machine guns above 12.7 mm). (2) Day 2 - Withdrawal of all heavy (indirect fire) weapons (mortars, field artillery). (3) Day 1 is December 23th, 1992.

Page 7, Agreement on Demilitarization of the Airport Area and Opening of the Corridors, 4.
All heavy weapons (12.7 mm and above), direct and indirect fire, will be withdrawn from the area presented on the attached overlay (30 km off the Sarejevo airport) not later than 1100 hrs, December 24th 1992. Simultaneously UNPROFOR will patrol the area between the conflicting sides.

Page 8, Agreement on the Realization of the Demilitarization of the Airport Area and Opening of the Corridors
The authorized representatives of the two conflicting sides with the presence of the UNPROFOR representatives agree on the demilitarization of the Sarajevo Airport area and opening of the corridors...

Page 8, Agreement on the Realization of the Demilitarization of the Airport Area and Opening of the Corridors, The agreement on the opening of the land corridors and freedom of movement for civilians The agreement signed on the 13th December 1992 concerning Sarajevo to be implemented on the 10th December 1992 is reaffirmed and

Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision

Page 1, Agreement on the Separation of Forces in the Area of Sarajevo Airport, 1.
The cease-fire signed on the 10th of November 1992 throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina is reaffirmed. Furthermore they accept to freeze the Military Situation and to proclaim the Cessation of Hostilities.

Page 2, Agreement of the Implementation of an Area of Separation
...This plan deals with the withdrawal of heavy weapons as the first concrete step is linked with: a. An absolute cease fire. b. Cessation of hostilities

Page 2, Agreement of the Implementation of an Area of Separation, Cessation of Hostilities
The cessation of hostilities will be implemented on the 23rd of December 1992 at 0800 hours as follows: a. The freezing of the military situation on the existing lines. b. No offensive action allowed. c. No forward redeployments. d. All heavy weapons will be withdrawn from positions from which they can engage. e. No movement of any additional forces although rotation of personnel on a one for one basis shall be permitted. f. No movement or resupply of ammunition, explosives or incendiary devices.

Page 7, Agreement on Demilitarization of the Airport Area and Opening of the Corridors, 1.
The cease fire signed November 10th 1992 throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina is reaffirmed.

Page 8, Agreement on the Realization of the Demilitarization of the Airport Area and Opening of the Corridors
This plan deals with the withdrawal of heavy weapons as the first concrete step linked with: a/ An absolute cease-fire...

Page 8, Agreement on the Realization of the Demilitarization of the Airport Area and Opening of the Corridors, Cease-fire
The cease-fire will be implemented on the 23rd December 1992 at 0800 hrs as follows;
a/ No offensive action allowed. b/ No forward redeployment. c/ All heavy weapons will be withdrawn 30 km off the Sarajevo Airport. d/ No movement of any additional forces. e/ No movement or resupply or ammunition, explosives or incendiary device.

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.

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 Signed by General Morrillon, meeting held under the auspices of UNPROF0R.

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement

No specific mention.

International mission/force/similar

Page 1, Agreement on the Separation of Forces in the Area of Sarajevo Airport, 4. All heavy weapons (12.7 mm and above), direct and indirect fire, will be withdrawn from the area presented on the attached overlay not later than 1700 hrs. 24 December 1992. Simultaneously UNPROFOR will patrol the area between the "FORMER" conflicting sides.

Page 3, Agreement of the Implementation of an Area of Separation, Removal of Heavy Weapons

b. Joint Commission. A Joint Commission will be created to begin on December 23rd, 1992 at 0900 hours...(2) The Joint Commission will be composed of: (a) UNPROFOR command and support element... (3) The location of this Joint Commission will be at the airport settlement colocated with FRBAT who will provide the necessary accommodation and a team of experts.

Page 4, Agreement of the Implementation of an Area of Separation, Removal of Heavy Weapons

d. Control Measures. The following implementation and control measures will be used: (1) UNPROFOR forces will patrol the area of separation between the conflicting sides beginning December 24th 1992, at 0800 hours. (2) UNPROFOR forces will be deployed on the confrontation line and on agreed mixed checkpoints proposed by the Joint Commission not later than December 26th, 1992. (3) All parties are to identify weapons by type and locations and will provide UNPROFOR with detailed maps of areas considered to be under their respective control not later than December 26th, 1992. (4) Complete freedom of movement for all UNPROFOR personnel and vehicles within the affected areas. (5) The Joint Commission will establish mixed patrols not later than December 26th, 1992.

Page 5, Agreement

The undersigned reaffirming their good will and expressing the need for a humanitarian gesture at this time have decided to open free passage within and out of the city of SARAJEVO for approximately 500 people of each side before December 24, 1992. Each side will decide who should be selected and from their own communities will provide vehicles for their transportation. Each side is responsible for the safety of the convoys in their respective areas. UNPROFOR will escort, in coordination with each side, the convoys.

Page 7, Agreement on Demilitarization of the Airport Area and Opening of the Corridors, 4.

All heavy weapons (12.7 mm and above), direct and indirect fire, will be withdrawn from the area presented on the attached overlay (30 km off the Sarajevo airport) not later than 1100 hrs, December 24th 1992. Simultaneously UNPROFOR will patrol the area between the conflicting sides.

Page 8, Agreement on the Realization of the Demilitarization of the Airport Area and Opening of the Corridors, The agreement on the opening of the land corridors and freedom of movement for civilians The agreement signed on the 13th December 1992 concerning Sarajevo to be implemented on the 10th December 1992 is reaffirmed and will be executed commencing on the 25th December 1992 at 0800 hrs on condition that the Sarajevo-Mostar and Sarajevo-Zenica land corridors be opened and that heavy weapons be withdrawn 1 km off the left and the right side of the road. Flow of goods and people through the corridors is to be controlled by UNPROFOR exclusively. (For copy of this agreement see ANNEX A).

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b/Joint Commission. Joint Commission will be created to begin on the 23rd December

Enforcement mechanism

Page 1, Agreement on the Separation of Forces in the Area of Sarajevo Airport, 3.
A Permanent Joint Commission will be created the day following the signing of this agreement in order to deal with all the details of the execution of the attached plan.

Page 7, Agreement on Demilitarization of the Airport Area and Opening of the Corridors, 3.

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Page 9, Agreement on the Realization of the Demilitarization of the Airport Area and Opening of the Corridors, Removal of Heavy Weapons
b/Joint Commission. Joint Commission will be created to begin on the 23rd December 1992 at 1800 hrs. (1) The mission of this Joint Commission will be to execute and implement details of this plan and subsequent phases. (2) This Joint Commission will be composed of: a) UNPROFOR command and support elements. b) A team of each side commanded by an officer senior enough to make decisions and designated as the authorized command for the troops in the area affected. c) A joint communications system which includes a link to each individual headquarters. (3) The location of this Joint Commission will be at the airport settlement colocated with FRBAT who will provide the necessary accomodation and a team of experts.

Related cases

No specific mention.

Source

ICTY Court Records, Kordic-Cerkez trial exhibit 245
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