

<b>Country/entity</b>	Bosnia and Herzegovina Yugoslavia (former)
<b>Region</b>	Europe and Eurasia
<b>Agreement name</b>	Meeting of Army Commanders (Military Implementation of COHA)
<b>Date</b>	11 Jan 1995
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	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

<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government/territory
<b>Peace process</b>	Bosnia peace process
<b>Parties</b>	Rasim Delic; Ratko Mladic; Tihomir Blaskic
<b>Third parties</b>	Witnessed by Michael Rose, UNPROFOR
<b>Description</b>	This agreement provides for implementation of the Complete Cessation of Hostilities, and other outstanding military matters from previous agreements, including redefining the line of contact, future meetings on detainee exchanges and medical evacuations, and withdrawal of foreign troops.

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**Groups**

<b>Children/youth</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Disabled persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Elderly/age</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Migrant workers</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Racial/ethnic/ national group</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Religious groups</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Indigenous people</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other groups</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Refugees/displaced persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Social class</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Gender**

**Women, girls and gender** No specific mention.

**Men and boys** No specific mention.

**LGBTI** No specific mention.

**Family** No specific mention.

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## **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.

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## **Governance**

**Political institutions (new or reformed)** No specific mention.

**Elections** No specific mention.

<b>Electoral commission</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Political parties reform</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Civil society</b>	Page 1, 1. DECISIONS TAKEN (e) It was agreed that the following separate meetings should be convened on 12 January 1995...iii. Meeting, to be chaired by ICRC, on the exchange of detainees, bodies and information on persons not accounted for.
<b>Traditional/religious leaders</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Public administration</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Constitution</b>	No specific mention.

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**Power sharing**

<b>Political power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Territorial power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Economic power sharing</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Military power sharing</b>	No specific mention.

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**Human rights and equality**

<b>Human rights/RoL general</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Bill of rights/similar</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Treaty incorporation</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Civil and political rights</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Socio-economic rights</b>	No specific mention.

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## Rights related issues

<b>Citizenship</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Democracy</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Detention procedures</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Media and communication</b>	Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles Page 1, 1. DECISIONS TAKEN (a) It was agreed that the sides shall desist from the use of language which undermines the agreement on complete cessation of hostilities and shall, in general, refrain from the use of provocative language in the mass media.
<b>Mobility/access</b>	Page 1, 1. DECISIONS TAKEN (d) UNPROFOR shall prepare a draft agreement on full freedom of movement with the sides by 18 January 1995.  Page 1, 1. DECISIONS TAKEN (e) It was agreed that the following separate meetings should be convened on 12 January 1995. i. Meeting at 1030, to be chaired by UNPROFOR, on modalities for the implementation of the agreement of 17 March 1994, with the intention of opening the routes for civilian and humanitarian traffic as soon as possible, and not later than 14 January 1995. ii. Meeting, to be chaired by UNHCR, on medical evacuation.
<b>Protection measures</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other</b>	No specific mention.

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## Rights institutions

<b>NHRI</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Regional or international human rights institutions</b>	No specific mention.

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## Justice sector reform

<b>Criminal justice and emergency law</b>	No specific mention.
<b>State of emergency provisions</b>	No specific mention.

**Judiciary and courts** No specific mention.

**Prisons and detention** No specific mention.

**Traditional Laws** No specific mention.

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### **Socio-economic reconstruction**

**Development or socio-economic reconstruction** No specific mention.

**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

Page 1, 1. DECISIONS TAKEN

(b) It was agreed that meetings of the Regional Joint Commissions shall take place, as agreed, on the level of commanders or central Joint commission, on the contact line.

Page 1, 1. DECISIONS TAKEN

(c) It was agreed that the existing contact line shall be defined by UNPROFOR in agreement with the parties, and that maps so defined shall be agreed by 31 January 1995. With respect to the line of contact around the city of Sarajevo, there should be a return to the line as of 9 February 1994.

Page 1, 1. DECISIONS TAKEN

(f) Following the withdrawal of forces from the demilitarized zone of Iqman and Bjelasnica to the lines in accordance with the agreement of 14 August 1993, there shall be a joint inspection by 14 January 1995.

### **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**

Page 2, 2. FUTURE ACTIONS

(c) There will be a Regional Joint Commission meeting on 14 January 1995 in the area of Bihac to facilitate the implementation the agreements of 23 December 1994 and 31 December 1994, and, in particular, the withdrawal of any foreign troops present, and to establish observation posts.

Page 2, 2. FUTURE ACTIONS

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### **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** Page 1, 1. DECISIONS TAKEN  
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**Vetting** No specific mention.

**Victims** No specific mention.

**Missing persons** Page 1, 1. DECISIONS TAKEN  
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**Reparations** No specific mention.

**Reconciliation** No specific mention.

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## **Implementation**

**UN signatory** Witnessed by Michael Rose, UNPROFOR

**Other international signatory** No specific mention.

<b>Referendum for agreement</b>	No specific mention.
<b>International mission/force/similar</b>	<p>Page 1, 1. DECISIONS TAKEN (c) It was agreed that the existing contact line shall be defined by UNPROFOR in agreement with the parties, and that maps so defined shall be agreed by 31 January 1995. With respect to the line of contact around the city of Sarajevo, there should be a return to the line as of 9 February 1994.</p> <p>Page 1, 1. DECISIONS TAKEN (d) UNPROFOR shall prepare a draft agreement on full freedom of movement with the sides by 18 January 1995.</p>
<b>Enforcement mechanism</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Related cases</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Source</b>	ICTY Court Records, Karadzic trial exhibit P00873 <a href="http://icr.icty.org/">http://icr.icty.org/</a>

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