

Country/entity	Bosnia and Herzegovina Yugoslavia (former)
Region	Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Meeting of Army Commanders (Military Implementation of COHA)
Date	11 Jan 1995
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

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Stage

Ceasefire/related

Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Bosnia peace process
Parties	Rasim Delic; Ratko Mladic; Tihomir Blaskic
Third parties	Witnessed by Michael Rose, UNPROFOR
Description	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

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	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.
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 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.
Mobility/access	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.
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 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.

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

Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments

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(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.

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(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.

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(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.

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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 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.

Implementation

UN signatory Witnessed by Michael Rose, UNPROFOR

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	<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>
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
Related cases	No specific mention.
Source	ICTY Court Records, Karadzic trial exhibit P00873 http://icr.icty.org/
