

Country/entity	Bosnia and Herzegovina Yugoslavia (former)
Region	Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Agreement on the disarmament of the able-bodied population in the Zepa enclave
Date	24 Jul 1995
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Intrastate/local conflict
Stage	Ceasefire/related
Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Bosnia Local peace processes
Parties	Rajko KUSIC; Hamdija TORLAK
Third parties	UNPROFOR representative Semjon DUDNJIK Certified by Colonel General Ratko MLADIC
Description	This surrender agreement provides for the forcible removal of the civilian population from the former UN safe area of Zepa, and the holding of civilians until military prisoners are released, all to be facilitated by the ICRC, UNPROFOR, UNHCR and other humanitarian organisations, in accordance with the Geneva Conventions.

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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** Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive
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refugee groups together with the population and from the centre of settlements/villages,
and not to try to cross illegally through the territory of Republika Srpska.

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, 8.
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The ICRC shall transport the able-bodied population of Zepa from the holding centres to territory under the control of Rasim DELICs army at the same time as all captive VRS members and other Serbs who are in prisons in territory controlled by the army under the command of Rasim DELIC are released and transported to Republika Srpska.

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UNPROFOR, the ICRC, the UNHCR, and other international humanitarian organisations, in cooperation with the Army of Republika Srpska, shall enable the transport of the civilian population from Zepa to territory under the control of Rasim DELIC's army or to third countries of their choice in accordance with the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949.

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 Page 1, 7.
In accordance with the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the Additional Protocols of 1977, the civilian population of Zepa shall be given the freedom to choose their place of residence while hostilities continue.

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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	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 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→Ceasefire provision

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A cease-fire between the parties to the conflict shall be implemented immediately.

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Police

No specific mention.

Armed forces

No specific mention.

DDR

Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions

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Intelligence services

No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel
and opposition
group forces**

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**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 Page 1, 8.
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Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory UNPROFOR representative Semjon DUDNJIK

Other international signatory No specific mention.

Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	Page 1, 5. Avdo PALIC shall start disarming his units immediately and all the weapons shall be handed over to the VRS /Army of Republika Srpska/ representative in the UNPROFOR base in Zepa. Page 1, 6. Avdo PALIC shall indicate all the mined areas and they shall be cleared in the presence of a joint commission and UNPROFOR.
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
Related cases	No specific mention.
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