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<b>Country/ entity</b>	Bosnia and Herzegovina Yugoslavia (former)
<b>Region</b>	Europe and Eurasia Europe and Eurasia
<b>Agreement name</b>	Agreed Basic Principles signed on 8 September 1995 at Geneva
<b>Date</b>	8 Sep 1995
<b>Agreement status</b>	Multiparty signed/agreed
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes
<b>Agreement/ conflict level</b>	Intrastate/intrastate conflict ( Balkan Conflicts (1991 - 1995) (1998 - 2001) )
<b>Stage</b>	Pre-negotiation/process
<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government/territory
<b>Peace process</b>	Bosnia peace process
<b>Parties</b>	H.E. Mr. Muhamed Sacirbey, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Bosnia and Herzegovina); H.E. Mr. Mate Granic, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Croatia (Croatia); and H.E. Mr. Milan Milutinovic, Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Yugoslavia)
<b>Third parties</b>	Witnessed by: representatives of France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, and by the European Union Special Negotiator for the Former Yugoslavia
<b>Description</b>	This short agreement contains principles as basis for talks on ending the war in Bosnia, which includes principles on state configuration, and the division of the state into two entities: the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republica Srpska.

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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 Page 1, 2.4 The two entities will enter into reciprocal commitments...(b) to adopt and adhere to normal international human rights standards and obligations, including the obligation to allow freedom of movement and enable displaced persons to repossess their homes or receive just compensation; and (c) to engage in binding arbitration to resolve disputes between them.  Page 3.1 The appointment of a Commission for Displaced Persons authorized to enforce (with assistance from international entities) the obligations of both entities to enable displaced persons to repossess their homes or receive just compensation.
Social class	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) Page 1, 1.  
Bosnia and Herzegovina will continue its legal existence with its present borders and continuing international recognition.

Page 1, 2.3  
Both entities will have the right to establish parallel special relationships with neighbouring countries, consistent with the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

State configuration Page 1, 2.  
Bosnia and Herzegovina will consist of two entities, the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina as established by the Washington Agreements, and the Republica Srpska (RS).

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	Page 1, 1. Bosnia and Herzegovina will continue its legal existence with its present borders and continuing international recognition.
Cross- border provision	Page 1, 2.3 Both entities will have the right to establish parallel special relationships with neighbouring countries, consistent with the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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## **Governance**

Political institutions (new or reformed)	No specific mention.
Elections	Page 1, 2.4 The two entities will enter into reciprocal commitments (a) to hold complete elections under international auspices;
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

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Each entity will continue to exist under its present constitution (amended to accommodate these basic principles).

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## Power sharing

Political  
power  
sharing

No specific mention.

Territorial  
power  
sharing

Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Federal or similar sub-divided government

Page 1, 2.

Bosnia and Herzegovina will consist of two entities, the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina as established by the Washington Agreements, and the Republica Srpska (RS).

Page 2, 3.5

The design and implementation of a system of arbitration for the solution of disputes between the two entities.

Power sharing→Territorial power sharing→Other

Page 1, 2.1

The 51:49 parameter of the territorial proposal of the Contact Group is the basis for a settlement. This territorial proposal is open for adjustment by mutual agreement.

Economic  
power  
sharing

No specific mention.

Military  
power  
sharing

No specific mention.

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## Human rights and equality

Human  
rights/RoL  
general

No specific mention.

Bill of rights/ similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	Page 1, 2.4 The two entities will enter into reciprocal commitments...(b) to adopt and adhere to normal international human rights standards and obligations, including the obligation to allow freedom of movement and enable displaced persons to repossess their homes or receive just compensation;
Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.

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## Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
Democracy	No specific mention.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.
Mobility/ access	Page 1, 2.4 The two entities will enter into reciprocal commitments...(b) to adopt and adhere to normal international human rights standards and obligations, including the obligation to allow freedom of movement and enable displaced persons to repossess their homes or receive just compensation;
Protection measures	No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

NHRI Rights institutions→NHRI→New or fundamentally revised NHRI  
Page 1, 3.2  
The establishment of a Bosnia and Herzegovina Human Rights Commission, to enforce the entities' human rights obligations. The two entities will abide by the Commission's decisions.

Regional or international human rights institutions No specific mention.

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## **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.

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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 Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Promotion  
Page 2, 3.4  
The appointment of a Commission to Preserve National Monuments.

Environment No specific mention.



Water or riparian rights or access	No specific mention.
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## **Security sector**

Security Guarantees	No specific mention.
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Ceasefire	No specific mention.
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Police	No specific mention.
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Armed forces	No specific mention.
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DDR	No specific mention.
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Intelligence services	No specific mention.
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Parastatal/ rebel and opposition group forces	No specific mention.
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Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
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Corruption	No specific mention.
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Crime/ organised crime	No specific mention.
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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 No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing  
persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

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## Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
Other international signatory	Witnessed by representatives of France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America to the United Nations, and by the European Union Special Negotiator for the Former Yugoslavia
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
Related cases	No specific mention.
Source	Letter dated 95/09/08 from the representatives of France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/50/419), Annex II, pp.5-6 <a href="http://repository.un.org/">http://repository.un.org/</a>

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