

Belgrade Joint Communiqué of 11 September 1992 issued by
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia President Cosic and Federal
Republic of Yugoslavia Prime Minister Panic and witnessed
by the Co-Chairmen

1. We have today reaffirmed our total commitment to the decisions taken in London at the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia in particular that all outstanding issues should be resolved by peaceful means, on the basis of existing borders, and in a process of urgent and continuing negotiations.

2. Concerning Bosnia and Herzegovina, we have agreed on the following practical steps and objectives: (a) there should be strict observance of the commitment to the collection and supervision of heavy weapons by the agreed expiration date of 12 September 1992; (b) the provision of power and water to Sarajevo, under international management, should be urgently agreed; (c) every party on the ground must not only commit itself, but take all practical steps, to bring the earliest possible end to all hostilities in and around Sarajevo; (d) we welcome the imminent resumption of talks, without preconditions, on constitutional arrangements for Bosnia and Herzegovina with the participation of all parties; these will take place at Geneva, in a continuous and uninterrupted process, until full agreement is reached; (e) we agree on the desirability of stationing observers on the borders of States neighbouring Bosnia and Herzegovina, as requested by Prime Minister Panic; (f) an agreement in principle has been achieved regarding the placing of observers at military airfields, and a definitive agreement will be reached after consulting the United Nations and Governments concerned.

3. With respect to humanitarian issues:
 - (a) We declare our total condemnation of all practices related to "ethnic cleansing", and commit ourselves to helping reverse that which has already happened;

 - (b) We agree that all statements or commitments made under duress, particularly those relating to land and property, are wholly null and void;

 - (c) We urge all concerned parties to cooperate fully, promptly and unconditionally with current efforts, in particular by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to free all detainees, to close all detention centres and to assure safe passage of former detainees to secure and safe areas;

(d) We further urge all parties to facilitate the safe delivery of all humanitarian assistance;

(e) We strongly support the efforts of all agencies, local and international, to relieve the plight of displaced persons in all territories of the former Yugoslavia.

4. With respect to relations with Croatia:

(a) We welcome the agreement on the imminent reopening of the road between Belgrade and Zagreb and its symbolic designation as a "road of peace";

(b) We are committed to make all efforts to improve security around Maslenica Bridge so that repairs can be effected and the bridge reopened for traffic as soon as possible;

(c) We agree that the status of the "Yugoslav pipeline" should be the subject of urgent discussion, in the framework of the working groups of the International Conference;

(d) We welcome President Cosic's offer to the Presidents of Croatia, Macedonia and Slovenia to establish mixed committees to normalize and promote economic and practical cooperation. The International Conference's working groups on economic relations and on succession issues will usefully contribute to this work;

(e) An agreement in principle has been achieved regarding the Prevlaka peninsula. A definitive agreement will be reached after consulting the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Security Council and the Governments concerned;

(f) We note the importance of the work of the joint commission established by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) to deal with issues related to the "pink zones" and urge intensified cooperation with those efforts;

(g) We also call on all parties to adhere strictly to the United Nations peace-keeping plan, and in particular to support the efforts of UNPROFOR in the protected areas to eliminate illegal activities of irregular elements, both Serbian and Croatian;

(h) Given its importance in the provision of water and power to the region, we recognize the urgent need to reach agreement on problems relating to the Peruca Dam.

5. We pledge our mutual cooperation in order to steadily advance the peace process, to reduce the level of violence and curb the flow of arms. We pledge ourselves to swiftly implement the decisions of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia.

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