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## PRESS RELEASE

The latest situation in Prozor municipality, where fighting broke out between some units of the Army of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Croatian Defence Council, has caused much anxiety among the residents of Konjic municipality. Aware of the seriousness of the situation and the real possibility that this conflict situation might spread to our municipality, the commanders of the units of the Croatian Defence Council from Konjic and of the Staff of the Army of Bosnia and Herzegovina from Konjic met on <u>23 October 1992</u> and agreed on several key issues that will help avoid all undesirable consequences and create the conditions for more successful and effective cooperation and actions against the common enemy in the future.

It was agreed that the commanders of the warring sides in Prozor municipality would be contacted as soon as possible and asked to cease fire immediately. A joint commission will then be set up to investigate the causes of the fighting.

It was also agreed that no unit movements would be allowed in the sector where the incident took place or in the direction of the troubled areas. At the same time, all necessary measures should be taken in the units of the HVO and the Army of Bosnia and Herzegovina to avoid clashes between them. To this aim, orders should immediately be issued to the commanders of the basic units not to carry out any combat operations /?in this connection/ without the Commander of the *Herceg Stjepan* Brigade and the Commander of the Staff of the Army of Bosnia and Herzegovina from Konjic.

The Commander of the Staff of the Army of Bosnia and Herzegovina from Konjic and the Commander of the *Herceg Stjepan* Brigade also agreed that they would meet more often and that the setting up of joint checkpoints at the exits of the town and in the border areas of the municipality would be agreed on at these meetings. A solution should also be found for manning defence positions with joint forces. To this aim, intelligence of importance for actions against the common enemy will be exchanged and ways will also be sought of setting up a joint military police.

Commander of the Staff of the Army of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Konjic /signed and stamped/

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