

<b>Country/entity</b>	Croatia Yugoslavia (former)
<b>Region</b>	Europe and Eurasia
<b>Agreement name</b>	Programme of the Government of the Republic of Croatia for the Establishment of Trust, Accelerated Return, and Normalization of Living Conditions in the War-affected Regions of the Republic of Croatia
<b>Date</b>	3 Oct 1997
<b>Agreement status</b>	Unilateral document
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes

**Agreement/conflict level** Interstate/intrastate conflict(s)

**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

Balkan Conflicts (1991 - 1995) (1998 - 2001)

**Stage**

Implementation/renegotiation

<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government/territory
<b>Peace process</b>	Dissolution of Yugoslavia
<b>Parties</b>	Government of Croatia
<b>Third parties</b>	-
<b>Description</b>	This agreement was passed by the Croatian legislature in 1997 to implement outstanding issues relating to the return and reintegration of refugees, and socio-economic development of war affected regions, in particular Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium. Areas of competency include political, legal, administration, economic affairs, social affairs, media, culture, education, reconstruction and return issues.

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## Groups

<b>Children/youth</b>	<p>Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical</p> <p>Page 2, Preamble</p> <p>...Given that by the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia and...the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the legal foundations for the implementation of the highest international standards in the field of human rights have been established,...</p> <p>Page 5, C. Fields of competence, 5. Social affairs,</p> <p>13. ...The Government shall strive for the social well-being of its citizens and to that end shall undertake the following measures:</p> <p>...(c) The reconstruction of and, according to needs and capabilities, establishment and development of new institutions for social assistance; centres for social assistance, children's homes, homes for the elderly and other institutions in the reintegrated area;</p>
<b>Disabled persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Elderly/age</b>	<p>Groups→Elderly/age→Rhetorical</p> <p>Page 5, C. Fields of competence, 5. Social affairs,</p> <p>13. ...The Government shall strive for the social well-being of its citizens and to that end shall undertake the following measures:</p> <p>...(c) The reconstruction of and, according to needs and capabilities, establishment and development of new institutions for social assistance; centres for social assistance, children's homes, homes for the elderly and other institutions in the reintegrated area;</p>
<b>Migrant workers</b>	No specific mention.

**Racial/ethnic/  
national group**

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical

Page 2, Preamble

...Whereas it is unconstitutional to distinguish between the former parties in conflict on the basis of ethnicity, as such a distinction results in collective guilt and ignores individual responsibility for crimes, and also ignores the positive role of members of various ethnic groups during the hostilities,...

Page 2, Preamble

...Given that by the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia and the Croatian Constitutional Law on Human Rights and Freedoms and on the Rights of Ethnic or National Communities and Minorities,...the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,...the legal foundations for the implementation of the highest international standards in the field of human rights have been established,...

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive

Page 4, C. Fields of competence, 3. Administration and internal affairs, 11.

The areas of administration and internal affairs shall include, in particular, but not be limited to:...(c) Public reaffirmation of the Government's obligation regarding the ethnic composition of the police force in the reintegrated areas;

Page 6, C. Fields of competence, 7. Culture, 15.

The Government of the Republic of Croatia shall continue to support:

...(c) The establishment of cultural associations for the purpose of preservation of national and ethnic identity;

**Religious groups**

Groups→Religious groups→Substantive

Page 3, C. Fields of competence, 1. Political, 9.

The political field of the Programme shall consist, in particular, but not exclusively, of the following:...(d) Recommendations to professional, religious and other associations to institute their own programmes of tolerance, reconciliation and coexistence;

**Indigenous people**

No specific mention.

**Other groups**

No specific mention.

**Refugees/displaced persons** Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive  
Page 2, A. Goals, 4.

The goals of the Programme for the Establishment of Trust, Accelerated Return and Normalization of Living Conditions in the War-affected Regions of the Republic of Croatia (hereinafter, the Programme) are the following:...(e) The speedy, secure and organized return of all Croatian citizens to those regions of Croatia from which they were expelled or displaced;

Page 3, C. Fields of competence, 8.

The Programme shall be implemented in particular but not exclusively, in the following fields: political, legal, administrative, internal affairs, economic, social, cultural, educational, reconstruction and return and the media.

Page 4, C. Fields of competence, 3. Administration and internal affairs, 11.

The areas of administration and internal affairs shall include, in particular, but not be limited to:...(d) Educating police officers in respect of working in an area of return of refugees and displaced persons, and also of the content and spirit of this Programme;

Page 7, C. Fields of competence, 9. Reconstruction and return, 20.

The Government of the Republic of Croatia shall undertake the necessary measures for the purpose of accelerating reintegration of the area under the temporary administration of UNTAES, by creating all of the necessary conditions in this area, and in the other areas of the Republic of Croatia, so as to bring about the fastest, most secure and organized return of Croatian citizens. The return of displaced persons to the area under temporary administration of UNTAES, as well as of Croatian citizens temporarily accommodated in that area to other parts of the Republic of Croatia, will be implemented through the mechanism agreed upon in the agreement concerning the operative steps of return signed by the Government of the Republic of Croatia, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and UNTAES.

Page 7, C. Fields of competence, 9. Reconstruction and return, 21.

In the areas of return, it is necessary to undertake additional steps to improve the functioning of the legal system, ensure the functioning of the infrastructure and economy, accelerate the reconstruction of houses and enable public and private enterprise to function immediately.

Page 7, C. Fields of competence, 9. Reconstruction and return, 22.

The returnees will be ensured of reconstruction of their homes or will be provided temporary accommodation, granted the status of returnee, provided with the possibility of employment or agricultural occupation on their farms and provided with social welfare within the framework of the limits of the Republic of Croatia.

Page 7, C. Fields of competence, 9. Reconstruction and return, 23.

It is especially necessary to emphasize the need for the financing of this process by international institutions responsible for caring for displaced persons, refugees and returnees.

Page 7, C. Fields of competence, 9. Reconstruction and return, 24.

Cooperation with all of the municipal commissions will be intensified in the area of return and in particular their supervision; furthermore the revision of all administrative decisions issued in accordance with the Law on Temporary Takeover and Use of Certain Property shall also be intensified.

Page 7, C. Fields of competence, 9. Reconstruction and return, 25.

Strengthened coordination with other administrative bodies will be ensured, in

**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)** No specific mention.

**State configuration** No specific mention.

**Self determination** No specific mention.

**Referendum** No specific mention.

**State symbols** No specific mention.

**Independence/secession** Page 1, Preamble  
...Taking into consideration the will of the people of the former Socialist Republic of Croatia expressed in a referendum on 19 May 1991, regarding the future of their Republic in the circumstances of the disintegration of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Proceeding from the Constitutional Decision on the Sovereignty and Independence of the Republic of Croatia, passed by the Croatian Parliament (Sabor) on 25 June 1991 in response to the will of the people expressed through the referendum, and the Decision of the Croatian Parliament (Sabor), passed on 8 October 1991, in which the Republic of Croatia severed all constitutional and legal ties with the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and proclaimed its independence,...

Page 5, C. Fields of competence, 4. Economic affairs, 12.  
The economic area of the Programme shall include the following measures of the Government and responsible ministries:...(g) A public statement by the Prime Minister that the funds received as reparations and restitution and the funds arising from succession to the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall be expended in the area where war damage was incurred for the purpose of its reconstruction and development;

<b>Accession/ unification</b>	<p>Page 1, Preamble</p> <p>...Also taking into consideration that the largest part of the occupied territories that were under the control of the rebel and other aggressor forces have been liberated, that is, that the greater part of the territories identified by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 49/43 of 9 December 1994 have been successfully reintegrated into the constitutional and legal system of the Republic of Croatia, and that, with the completion of the mandate of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (UNTAES) pursuant to the Basic Agreement on the Croatian Danube Region, the last part of Croatian state territory will also be successfully and permanently reintegrated into the constitutional and legal system of the Republic of Croatia,...</p>
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<b>Border delimitation</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Cross-border provision</b>	No specific mention.
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**Governance**

<b>Political institutions (new or reformed)</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Elections</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Electoral commission</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Political parties reform</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Civil society</b>	No specific mention.
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<b>Traditional/ religious leaders</b>	No specific mention.
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**Public  
administration**

Page 3, C. Fields of competence, 8.

The Programme shall be implemented in particular but not exclusively, in the following fields: political, legal, administrative, internal affairs, economic, social, cultural, educational, reconstruction and return and the media.

Page 4, C. Fields of competence, 3. Administration and internal affairs, 11.

The areas of administration and internal affairs shall include, in particular, but not be limited to:

- (a) Informing all state employees and officials of this Programme and emphasizing the need for increased attention and responsibility towards the equality of all citizens;
- (b) Initiating measures against those state employees and officials who act in a manner contrary to the Programme;
- (c) Public reaffirmation of the Government's obligation regarding the ethnic composition of the police force in the reintegrated areas;
- (d) Educating police officers in respect of working in an area of return of refugees and displaced persons, and also of the content and spirit of this Programme;
- (e) The Ministry for Internal Affairs shall undertake measures and such actions as are necessary in order to prevent all manner of illegal activities and incidents.

Page 5, C. Fields of competence, 4. Economic affairs, 12.

The economic area of the Programme shall include the following measures of the Government and responsible ministries:...(e) A public statement by the Minister for Labour and Social Security about non-discrimination in the employment of Croatian citizens in public enterprises and the state administration;...

**Constitution**

Governance→Constitution→Constitution affirmation/renewal

Page 1, Preamble

...Also taking into consideration that the largest part of the occupied territories that were under the control of the rebel and other aggressor forces have been liberated, that is, that the greater part of the territories identified by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 49/43 of 9 December 1994 have been successfully reintegrated into the constitutional and legal system of the Republic of Croatia, and that, with the completion of the mandate of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (UNTAES) pursuant to the Basic Agreement on the Croatian Danube Region, the last part of Croatian state territory will also be successfully and permanently reintegrated into the constitutional and legal system of the Republic of Croatia,...

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## **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.

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## **Human rights and equality**

**Human rights/RoL general** Page 2, 1.  
On this occasion the Government of the Republic of Croatia emphasizes with regard to all its citizens that it shall respect, protect and promote human rights, national and other basic rights, as well as other human rights and freedoms and civil rights, the rule of law and all other high values embodied in the Constitution and the international legal system.

Page 3, C. Fields of competence, 2. Legal, 10.  
The legal field of the Programme shall consist, in particular, but not exclusively, of the following: (a) A public statement reiterating the Government's commitment to respect the highest international standards in the field of human rights;

Page 6, C. Fields of competence, 6. Media, 14.  
In view of the important place of the media in a democratic society, the Government shall recommend that:  
(a) The media promote the equality of all citizens and the need to coexist in tolerance as the only democratically acceptable way of life;  
(b) The media promote the rights of citizens that derive from the legal system of the Republic of Croatia;  
(c) The media promote an atmosphere of tolerance, coexistence, respect for human rights and dialogue for the resolution of future excesses.

Page 6, C. Fields of competence, 8. Education, 18.  
...(f) Elementary and high school programmes that promote tolerance, equality and respect for human rights.

**Bill of rights/similar** No specific mention.

**Treaty  
incorporation**

Page 2, Preamble

...Given that by the Constitution of the Republic of Croatia and the Croatian Constitutional Law on Human Rights and Freedoms and on the Rights of Ethnic or National Communities and Minorities, as well as Croatia's succession to or ratification of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, as well as the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Paris Charter for a New Europe and other relevant documents of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) with regard to human rights, the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Basic Freedoms and its Related Protocol, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the legal foundations for the implementation of the highest international standards in the field of human rights have been established,...

Page 4, C. Fields of competence, 2. Legal, 10.

The legal field of the Programme shall consist, in particular, but not exclusively, of the following:...(b) Completing the steps aimed at harmonizing internal legislation with the international legal responsibilities that Croatia has undertaken in the field of human rights;

**Civil and political  
rights**

No specific mention.

**Socio-economic  
rights**

No specific mention.

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## **Rights related issues**

### **Citizenship**

Rights related issues→Citizenship→Citizens, specific rights

Page 1, Preamble

...Whereas the Government of the Republic of Croatia strives to promote a way of life in which forgiveness, tolerance, coexistence and equal rights of all its citizens are a foundation for progress and development,...

Rights related issues→Citizenship→Citizen delimitation

Page 1, Preamble

...Reiterating that many citizens who took part in the armed rebellion against the Republic of Croatia have sought and been granted Croatian documents, and that they have by this act accepted all the rights and obligations that derive from Croatian citizenship, including respect for and defence of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Croatia, and that they have accepted the Republic of Croatia as their homeland and have expressed the wish to be included in its political, economic and social life, and in that way to contribute to its prosperity,...

### **Democracy**

Page 2, A. Goals, 4.

The goals of the Programme for the Establishment of Trust, Accelerated Return and Normalization of Living Conditions in the War-affected Regions of the Republic of Croatia (hereinafter, the Programme) are the following:...(f) The inclusion of all citizens of the Republic of Croatia in the building of democratic society within the framework of the existing democratic system;

Page 6, C. Fields of competence, 6. Media, 14.

In view of the important place of the media in a democratic society, the Government shall recommend that:

(a) The media promote the equality of all citizens and the need to coexist in tolerance as the only democratically acceptable way of life;

### **Detention procedures**

No specific mention.

<b>Media and communication</b>	<p>Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles</p> <p>Page 3, C. Fields of competence, 8.</p> <p>The Programme shall be implemented in particular but not exclusively, in the following fields: political, legal, administrative, internal affairs, economic, social, cultural, educational, reconstruction and return and the media.</p> <p>Page 3, C. Fields of competence, 1. Political, 9.</p> <p>The political field of the Programme shall consist, in particular, but not exclusively, of the following: (a) Public statements by the highest state officials as well as by mayors and heads of municipal governments through state and local media explaining the goals, purposes, needs and methods for implementing the Programme;...(c) Recommendations to the media to use language based on tolerance, moderateness and coexistence, and to promote tolerance as the leading principle in reporting and the preparation of programming;</p> <p>Page 6, C. Fields of competence, 6. Media, 14.</p> <p>In view of the important place of the media in a democratic society, the Government shall recommend that:</p> <p>(a) The media promote the equality of all citizens and the need to coexist in tolerance as the only democratically acceptable way of life;</p> <p>(b) The media promote the rights of citizens that derive from the legal system of the Republic of Croatia;</p> <p>(c) The media promote an atmosphere of tolerance, coexistence, respect for human rights and dialogue for the resolution of future excesses.</p>
<b>Mobility/access</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Protection measures</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other</b>	No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

<b>NHRI</b>	<p>Rights institutions→NHRI→Mentions of NHRI</p> <p>Page 4, C. Fields of competence, 2. Legal, 10.</p> <p>The legal field of the Programme shall consist, in particular, but not exclusively, of the following:...(e) Preparing a programme to inform the public of the position, role and functions of the Ombudsman of the Republic of Croatia within the State administration.</p>
<b>Regional or international human rights institutions</b>	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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**Development or socio-economic reconstruction**

Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development

Page 2, 3.

The Government of the Republic of Croatia supports the uniform development of all regions of the Republic.

Page 2, A. Goals, 4.

The goals of the Programme for the Establishment of Trust, Accelerated Return and Normalization of Living Conditions in the War-affected Regions of the Republic of Croatia (hereinafter, the Programme) are the following:...(d) The creation of general social, political, security and economic conditions for normalization of life in the war-affected regions of the Republic of Croatia;

Page 3, C. Fields of competence, 8.

The Programme shall be implemented in particular but not exclusively, in the following fields: political, legal, administrative, internal affairs, economic, social, cultural, educational, reconstruction and return and the media.

Page 3, C. Fields of competence, 1. Political, 9.

The political field of the Programme shall consist, in particular, but not exclusively, of the following:...(b) A statement by the Prime Minister reaffirming that the Government supports the uniform development of all regions in the Republic and guarantees full freedoms, equality and security for all its citizens on its entire territory;

Page 5, C. Fields of competence, 4. Economic affairs, 12.

The economic area of the Programme shall include the following measures of the Government and responsible ministries:...(f) Implementation of active policy measures regarding employment, stimulating employment growth and self-employment; (g) A public statement by the Prime Minister that the funds received as reparations and restitution and the funds arising from succession to the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall be expended in the area where war damage was incurred for the purpose of its reconstruction and development; (h) Undertaking measures to create a uniform level of economic development on the whole territory of the country, so that citizens living in the reintegrated area shall be ensured equal living conditions;...

Page 5, C. Fields of competence, 4. Economic affairs, 12.

The economic area of the Programme shall include the following measures of the Government and responsible ministries:...(j) The development and implementation of measures within the competence of the Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry for the purpose of a quicker and more efficient redevelopment of agricultural and livestock production in the reintegrated areas;

Page 5, C. Fields of competence, 5. Social affairs, 13.

Social problems amongst the citizens of the Republic of Croatia arise mostly from the large number of losses of human life, war damage and the transitional phase of economic development. The different level of economic development and the financing of development and reconstruction almost exclusively from domestic sources has further increased social difficulties. The Government shall strive for the social well-being of its citizens and to that end shall undertake the following measures:

(a) In the areas of labour, social security, health services and employment, all laws of the Republic of Croatia shall be implemented in the same manner for all Croatian citizens;

(b) The organization of local authorities and the re-employment of those persons previously employed in the ~~corresponding~~ rebel authorities by the health and social security systems of the Republic of Croatia shall be accelerated;

(d) Ensuring basic health services in the reintegrated area according to the standards

**National economic plan** No specific mention.

**Natural resources** No specific mention.

**International funds** Page 4, C. Fields of competence, 4. Economic affairs, 12.  
The economic area of the Programme shall include the following measures of the Government and responsible ministries:...(d) Organizing a donors' conference for the purpose of collecting international aid for the reconstruction and development of the reintegrated area and the implementation of this Programme;...

Page 7, C. Fields of competence, 9. Reconstruction and return, 23.  
It is especially necessary to emphasize the need for the financing of this process by international institutions responsible for caring for displaced persons, refugees and returnees.

**Business** Page 7, C. Fields of competence, 9. Reconstruction and return, 21.  
In the areas of return, it is necessary to undertake additional steps to improve the functioning of the legal system, ensure the functioning of the infrastructure and economy, accelerate the reconstruction of houses and enable public and private enterprise to function immediately.

**Taxation** Socio-economic reconstruction→Taxation→Reform of taxation  
Page 5, C. Fields of competence, 4. Economic affairs, 12.  
The economic area of the Programme shall include the following measures of the Government and responsible ministries:...(i) Ensuring the financing of local government in the war-affected regions from the resources of the budget and the implementation of the system of taxation at the local government level for the collection of legally determined dues from taxpayers in the region;

**Banks** No specific mention.

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## **Land, property and environment**

**Land reform/rights** Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Property return and restitution  
Page 7, C. Fields of competence, 9. Reconstruction and return, 24.  
Cooperation with all of the municipal commissions will be intensified in the area of return and in particular their supervision; furthermore the revision of all administrative decisions issued in accordance with the Law on Temporary Takeover and Use of Certain Property shall also be intensified.

Page 7, C. Fields of competence, 9. Reconstruction and return, 25.  
Strengthened coordination with other administrative bodies will be ensured, in particular with the Ministry of Internal Affairs, for the purpose of better organization of the return of persons who left their residences and their property.

Page 7, C. Fields of competence, 9. Reconstruction and return, 26.  
Precise instructions will be elaborated concerning the implementation of the Law on Temporary Takeover and Use of Certain Property, especially in the context of recent decisions of the Constitutional Court and the forthcoming amendments, with the aim of avoiding any misunderstandings in their implementation. Efforts will be made to acquaint each municipality with the implementation of the law and to accelerate the return of the owners to their homes.

**Pastoralist/  
nomadism rights** No specific mention.

**Cultural heritage** Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Tangible  
Page 6, C. Fields of competence, 7. Culture, 15.  
The Government of the Republic of Croatia shall continue to support:  
... (d) The protection of monuments and cultural artefacts.

Page 6, C. Fields of competence, 7. Culture, 17.  
The following are designated as priority cultural programmes in the war-affected areas: evaluation of war damage to cultural monuments; reconstruction and repair of cultural monuments and cultural institutions; protection and restoration of movable cultural monuments; re-establishment of museum activities; renovation of libraries and library holdings; renovation of cultural centres; the operation and revitalization of cultural and artistic societies; protection, repair and preservation of the natural heritage and international cooperation in programmes, in particular with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Council of Europe.

Land, property and environment→Cultural heritage→Promotion  
Page 6, C. Fields of competence, 7. Culture, 15.  
The Government of the Republic of Croatia shall continue to support:  
(a) Clear and unequivocal respect for cultural heritage;  
(b) Ensuring of cultural activity for all of its citizens, individually and collectively;  
(c) The establishment of cultural associations for the purpose of preservation of national and ethnic identity;

Page 6, C. Fields of competence, 7. Culture, 16.  
The Ministry of Culture shall, within the scope of its competence, set out and monitor the realization of these measures and shall inform the National Committee in this regard.

**Environment** No specific mention.

**Water or riparian rights or access** No specific mention.

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**Security sector**

**Security Guarantees** No specific mention.

**Ceasefire** No specific mention.

**Police** Page 4, C. Fields of competence, 3. Administration and internal affairs, 11.  
The areas of administration and internal affairs shall include, in particular, but not be limited to:...(c) Public reaffirmation of the Government's obligation regarding the ethnic composition of the police force in the reintegrated areas; (d) Educating police officers in respect of working in an area of return of refugees and displaced persons, and also of the content and spirit of this Programme;

**Armed forces** No specific mention.

**DDR** No specific mention.

**Intelligence services** No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces** Page 5, C. Fields of competence, 5. Social affairs, 13.  
...The Government shall strive for the social well-being of its citizens and to that end shall undertake the following measures:...(b) The organization of local authorities and the re-employment of those persons previously employed in the corresponding rebel authorities by the health and social security systems of the Republic of Croatia shall be accelerated;

**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.

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<b>Transitional justice general</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Amnesty/pardon</b>	<p>Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper</p> <p>Page 2, Preamble</p> <p>...Whereas the Republic of Croatia has adopted and is implementing the Law on General Amnesty,...</p> <p>Page 4, C. Fields of competence, 2. Legal, 10.</p> <p>The legal field of the Programme shall consist, in particular, but not exclusively, of the following:...(c) Increasing the efforts of the Ministry of Justice aimed at the removal of uncertainties with regard to the implementation of the Law on General Amnesty and guaranteeing the termination of steps taken against suspects where there is insufficient evidence that war crimes have been committed;</p>
<b>Courts</b>	<p>Transitional justice→Courts→National courts</p> <p>Page 4, C. Fields of competence, 2. Legal, 10.</p> <p>The legal field of the Programme shall consist, in particular, but not exclusively, of the following:...(d) The Ministry of Justice, through the justice system, shall ensure that all individuals against whom there is substantiated suspicion of having committed war crimes during the Homeland War shall be brought to trial, without prejudice to which side they were on. The Ministry of Justice shall in turn notify the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia of these proceedings. In this regard, special responsibility rests with the investigatory and justice bodies to establish the truth and to reach the appropriate decisions and/or judgements;</p>
<b>Mechanism</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Prisoner release</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Vetting</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Victims</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Missing persons</b>	No specific mention.

<b>Reparations</b>	<p>Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations</p> <p>Page 5, C. Fields of competence, 4. Economic affairs, 12.</p> <p>The economic area of the Programme shall include the following measures of the Government and responsible ministries:...(g) A public statement by the Prime Minister that the funds received as reparations and restitution and the funds arising from succession to the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall be expended in the area where war damage was incurred for the purpose of its reconstruction and development;</p>
<b>Reconciliation</b>	<p>Page 1, Preamble</p> <p>...Whereas the Government of the Republic of Croatia strives to promote a way of life in which forgiveness, tolerance, coexistence and equal rights of all its citizens are a foundation for progress and development,...Whereas the restoration of trust between all its citizens is of vital interest for the development of the Republic of Croatia as a State and as a respected member of the international community of States,...</p> <p>Page 2, A. Goals, 4.</p> <p>The goals of the Programme for the Establishment of Trust, Accelerated Return and Normalization of Living Conditions in the War-affected Regions of the Republic of Croatia (hereinafter, the Programme) are the following:...(c) The establishment of trust between all citizens of the Republic of Croatia;</p> <p>Page 3, C. Fields of competence, 1. Political, 9.</p> <p>The political field of the Programme shall consist, in particular, but not exclusively, of the following:...(d) Recommendations to professional, religious and other associations to institute their own programmes of tolerance, reconciliation and coexistence;</p>

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## Implementation

<b>UN signatory</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Other international signatory</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Referendum for agreement</b>	No specific mention.
<b>International mission/force/similar</b>	No specific mention.

**Enforcement  
mechanism**

Page 3, B. Organization, 5.

The Government of the Republic of Croatia shall establish a National Committee for monitoring the realization of the Programme. The National Committee shall in cooperation with other bodies of the state administration pass measures it deems necessary for the realization of the Programme and it will submit its reports on the implementation of the Programme to the President and the Government of the Republic of Croatia.

Page 3, B. Organization, 6.

The Chairman and members of the National Committee shall be named by the President of the Republic on the recommendation of the Prime Minister. The Chairman of the National Committee shall nominate the coordinators for different regions.

Page 3, B. Organization, 7.

The counties, cities and municipalities shall establish and name the members of committees for monitoring the realization of the Programme in their areas. The structure of these committees shall be the same as the structure of the National Committee. The county, city and municipal committees shall submit their reports on the implementation of the Programme to the National Committee.

**Related cases**

No specific mention.

**Source**

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