

Country/entity	Croatia Yugoslavia (former)
Region	Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	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 (The London Conference)
Date	11 Sep 1992
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	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

Pre-negotiation/process

Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Bosnia peace process
Parties	Dobrica Cosic; Milan Panic
Third parties	Witnessed by Cyrus Vance; David Owen
Description	This joint statement contains principles for engagement with the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia, including statements on humanitarian issues, and relations between the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and Croatia. It also calls for resumption of talks and an agreement on Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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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	Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical Page 1, 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;
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced persons	<p>Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Rhetorical</p> <p>Page 1, 3.</p> <p>With respect to humanitarian issues:</p> <p>...(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;</p> <p>Page 2, 3.</p> <p>With respect to humanitarian issues:</p> <p>...(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.</p>
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 Page 1, 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.

**Cross-border
provision**

Page 2, 4.

With respect to relations with Croatia:

...(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;

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, 3.
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Traditional/religious leaders No specific mention.

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making
Page 1, 2.
Concerning Bosnia and Herzegovina, we have agreed on the following practical steps and objectives:... (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;

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 No specific mention.

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	Page 1, 3. With respect to humanitarian issues: ...(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;
	Page 2, 3. With respect to humanitarian issues: ...(d) We further urge all parties to facilitate the safe delivery of all humanitarian assistance;
	Page 2, 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";
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	<p>Page 1, 3.</p> <p>With respect to humanitarian issues:</p> <p>...(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;</p>
Traditional Laws	No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	<p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance</p> <p>Page 2, 3.</p> <p>With respect to humanitarian issues:</p> <p>...(d) We further urge all parties to facilitate the safe delivery of all humanitarian assistance;</p> <p>Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Infrastructure and reconstruction</p> <p>Page 1, 2.</p> <p>Concerning Bosnia and Herzegovina, we have agreed on the following practical steps and objectives:...(b) the provision of power and water to Sarajevo, under international management, should be urgently agreed;</p> <p>Page 2, 4.</p> <p>With respect to relations with Croatia:</p> <p>...(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;</p>
National economic plan	No specific mention.
Natural resources	<p>Page 2, 4.</p> <p>With respect to relations with Croatia:</p> <p>...(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;</p>
International funds	No specific mention.
Business	No specific mention.
Taxation	No specific mention.
Banks	No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights	Land, property and environment→Land reform/rights→Property return and restitution Page 1, 3. With respect to humanitarian issues: ...(b) We agree that all statements or commitments made under duress, particularly those relating to land and property, are wholly null and void;
Pastoralist/ nomadism rights	No specific mention.
Cultural heritage	No specific mention.
Environment	No specific mention.
Water or riparian rights or access	Page 1, 2. Concerning Bosnia and Herzegovina, we have agreed on the following practical steps and objectives:...(b) the provision of power and water to Sarajevo, under international management, should be urgently agreed; Page 2, 4. With respect to relations with Croatia: ...(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.

Security sector

Security Guarantees	Page 2, 4. With respect to relations with Croatia: ...(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; Page 3, 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.
Ceasefire	Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments Page 1, 2. Concerning Bosnia and Herzegovina, we have agreed on the following practical steps and objectives:... (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;
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.

DDR	Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions Page 1, 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;
Intelligence services	No specific mention.
Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	Page 2, 4. With respect to relations with Croatia: ...(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;
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	Page 1, 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;
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.

Implementation

UN signatory	UN special envoy Cyrus Vance was a co-chairman of the International Conference on Former Yugoslavia
Other international signatory	European Community envoy David Owen was a co-chairman of the International Conference on Former Yugoslavia
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/ similar	<p>Page 1, 2.</p> <p>Concerning Bosnia and Herzegovina, we have agreed on the following practical steps and objectives:... (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.</p> <p>Page 2, 4.</p> <p>With respect to relations with Croatia:</p> <p>...(f) We note the importance of the work of the joint commission established by the United Nation's 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,</p> <p>both Serbian and Croatian;</p>
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.
Related cases	No specific mention.
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