

<b>Country/entity</b>	Serbia Yugoslavia (former) Presevo Valley
<b>Region</b>	Europe and Eurasia
<b>Agreement name</b>	Demilitarization Statement (Konculj Agreement)
<b>Date</b>	20 May 2001
<b>Agreement status</b>	Unilateral document
<b>Interim arrangement</b>	Yes

**Agreement/conflict level** Intrastate/intrastate conflict

**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**

Ceasefire/related

<b>Conflict nature</b>	Government/territory
<b>Peace process</b>	Presevo Valley process
<b>Parties</b>	For the Liberation Army of Presevo, Medveda and Bujanovac, Shefqet Musliu, Commander
<b>Third parties</b>	Witnessed, Shawn F. Sullivan, NATO Head of Office in the FRY
<b>Description</b>	This agreement provides for the full demilitarization, demobilization and disarmament of the the Liberation Army of Presevo, Medveda and Bujanovac (UCPMB). It also calls for integration of ethnic Albanians into governmental, civic, economic and police structures, and support from the international community to implement the so-called Covic Plan. NATO representative Shawn F. Sullivan witnessed the agreement as a broker of the talks in absence of direct communication between the UCPMB and the FRY government.

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## Groups

<b>Children/youth</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Disabled persons</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Elderly/age</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Migrant workers</b>	No specific mention.

**Racial/ethnic/  
national group**

Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Rhetorical

Page 1,

...Maintaining that the ethnic Albanian residents of Presevo, Medveda and Bujanovac municipalities have endured years of discrimination and persecution from previous Governments of Serbia and the FRY, Reconfirming that the reasons why we were forced to take up arms included our maltreatment by previous Yugoslav authorities, our removal from government institutions and marginalization from daily civilian life in the municipalities of Presevo, Medveda and Bujanovac, and the denial of our basic human rights including cultural, national, social, political and economic rights, Calling upon the Serbian and FRY Governments to correct the policies of the Milosevic regime and integrate ethnic Albanians and all ethnic minorities into governmental, civic and economic structures...

Page 1,

...Highlighting the importance of maintaining the linkage between ethnic Albanian families and friends living in Kosova and the municipalities of Presevo, Medveda and Bujanovac and the need to maintain cross boundary freedom of movement for all individuals, Asking that the Serbian Joint Security Forces treat ethnic Albanians with dignity and respect and refrain from taking homes and personal property...

Page 1,

...Acknowledging that the Liberation Army of Presevo, Medveda and Bujanovac has succeeded in drawing international attention to the plight of ethnic Albanians in the municipalities of Presevo, Medveda and Bujanovac and that the time has come to lay down our weapons and seek change through political means...

Page 1,

...Seeks to fight for the rights of ethnic Albanians through the political process and with the assistance of the international community and representatives of the new Serbian and FRY governments...

Page 1-2,

Calls upon the international community and the Serbian and FRY Governments to keep its commitments to the ethnic Albanian community in the municipalities of Presevo, Medveda and Bujanovac, as detailed in the Serbian Program for the Solution of the Crisis in Southern Serbia and as outlined in statements made by OSCE, NATO, EU, UNHCR and the rest of the international community, to facilitate our integration into civil life...

Page 1,

...Seeks the establishment of a truly multi-ethnic police force to guarantee the safety of ethnic Albanians...

**Religious groups**

No specific mention.

**Indigenous people**

No specific mention.

**Other groups**

No specific mention.

**Refugees/displaced persons** No specific mention.

**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** No specific mention.

**Accession/unification** No specific mention.

**Border delimitation** No specific mention.

**Cross-border provision** Page 1,  
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## **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 1-2,  
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**Traditional/religious leaders** No specific mention.

**Public administration** No specific mention.

**Constitution** No specific mention.

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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.

## Human rights and equality

**Human rights/RoL general** Page 1,  
...Reconfirming that the reasons why we were forced to take up arms included our maltreatment by previous Yugoslav authorities, our removal from government institutions and marginalization from daily civilian life in the municipalities of Presevo, Medveda and Bujanovac, and the denial of our basic human rights including cultural, national, social, political and economic rights...

**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.

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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,  
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**Protection measures** No specific mention.

**Other** No specific mention.

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## **Rights institutions**

**NHRI** No specific mention.

**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** No specific mention.

**Environment** No specific mention.

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

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## **Security sector**

**Security  
Guarantees** Page 1,  
Recognizing that the current security situation and general environment in the Presevo, Medveda and Bujanovac municipalities is unstable and an obstacle to peace and stability in the region...

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...Asking that the Serbian Joint Security Forces treat ethnic Albanians with dignity and respect and refrain from taking homes and personal property...

Page 1,  
...The Liberation Army of Presevo, Medveda and Bujanovac hereby,...Guarantees a safe and peaceful entry into Sector B for the Serbian Joint Security Forces...

**Ceasefire** Security sector→Ceasefire→Ceasefire provision  
[Summary] The agreement is a unilateral ceasefire by Liberation Army of Presevo, Medveda and Bujanovac, which commits to demobilize.  
  
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**Police** Page 1,  
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**Armed forces** No specific mention.

**DDR**

Security sector→DDR→Demilitarisation provisions

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**Intelligence services**

No specific mention.

**Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces**

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**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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## **Transitional justice**

**Transitional justice general** Page 1,  
...Calling upon the Serbian and FRY Governments to correct the policies of the Milosevic regime and integrate ethnic Albanians and all ethnic minorities into governmental, civic and economic structures...

**Amnesty/pardon** Transitional justice→Amnesty/pardon→Amnesty/pardon proper  
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**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, Shawn F. Sullivan, NATO Head of Office in the FRY

**Referendum for agreement** No specific mention.

<b>International mission/force/similar</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Enforcement mechanism</b>	Page 2, ...Asks KFOR to make itself available to receive UCMPB weapons and uniforms for destruction at the key boundary checkpoints, Requests NATO representatives and the EUMM assist, monitor and verify our demilitarization process.
<b>Related cases</b>	No specific mention.
<b>Source</b>	Originally obtained in hard copy, text on file with author.

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