

Country/entity	Bosnia and Herzegovina Yugoslavia (former)
Region	Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Framework on Police Restructuring Agreement, Reform and Democratization in the Republika Srpska
Date	9 Dec 1998
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	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.

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

Stage

Implementation/renegotiation

Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Bosnia peace process
Parties	For the Republika Srpska: Nikola Poplasen, President of Republika Srpska; Milorad Dodik, Prime Minister of Republika Srpska; Sredoje Novic, Republika Srpska Minister of Interior. For the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Elizabeth Rehn, Special Representative of the Secretary-General; Richard Monk, Commissioner International Police Task Force
Third parties	Endorsed: Carlos Westendorp, High Representative
Description	This short agreement contains principles between Republika Srpska and the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina providing for the restructuring, reforming, and democratizing the Republika Srpska police force. It sets out the role of the International Police Task Force, a cap on numbers of police officers and the ethnic composition of the Republika Srpska police.

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Women, girls and gender

Participation No specific mention.

Equality No specific mention.

Particular groups of women No specific mention.

International law No specific mention.

New institutions No specific mention.

Violence against women No specific mention.

Transitional justice No specific mention.

Institutional reform Institutional reform→Police

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In accordance with the non-discrimination provisions of the GFAP and the "Principles of Policing in a Democratic State," we affirm that all members of the RS MUP, regardless of ethnic, political, or religious affiliation or gender shall be fully-integrated into the force and shall hold functional positions based on objective, non-discriminatory hiring, assignment and promotion practices.

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Acknowledging the present under-representation of women in the Republika Srpska police force, we agree to undertake measures to increase the training and hiring of women officers. We agree to step up active recruitment of women candidates into the Republika Srpska Police Academy.

Development No specific mention.

Implementation No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.
