Country/entity: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Yugoslavia (former)
Region: Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name: Agreed Basic Principles signed on 8 September 1995 at Geneva
Date: 08/09/1995
Agreement status: Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement: No
Stage: Pre-negotiation/process (Principles)
Conflict nature: Government/territory

Peace process:
H.E. Mr. Muhamed Sacirbey, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Bosnia and Herzegovina); H.E. Mr. Mate Granic, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Croatia (Croatia); and H.E. Mr. Milan Milutinovic, Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Yugoslavia)

Third parties: Witnessed by: representatives of France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, and by the European Union Special Negotiator for the Former Yugoslavia

Description:
This short agreement contains principles as basis for talks on ending the war in Bosnia, which includes principles on state configuration, and the division of the state into two entities: the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republica Srpska.

Agreement document: [BA_950908_AgreedBasicPrinciples.pdf](BA_950908_AgreedBasicPrinciples.pdf)

Groups:
- Children/youth: No specific mention.
- Disabled persons: No specific mention.
- Elderly: No specific mention.
- Migrant workers: No specific mention.
- Racial/ethnic/national group: No specific mention.
- Religious groups: No specific mention.
- Indigenous people: No specific mention.
- Other groups: No specific mention.
- Refugees/displaced persons: Substantive

Page 1, 2.4
The two entities will enter into reciprocal commitments...(b) to adopt and adhere to normal international human rights standards and obligations, including the obligation to allow freedom of movement and enable displaced persons to repossess their homes or receive just compensation; and (c) to engage in binding arbitration to resolve disputes between them.

Page 3.1
The appointment of a Commission for Displaced Persons authorized to enforce (with assistance from international entities) the obligations of both entities to enable displaced persons to repossess their homes or receive just compensation.

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
State definition
Nature of state (general)
Page 1, 1.
Bosnia and Herzegovina will continue its legal existence with its present borders and continuing international recognition.

Page 1, 2.3
Both entities will have the right to establish parallel special relationships with neighbouring countries, consistent with the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

State configuration
Page 1, 2.
Bosnia and Herzegovina will consist of two entities, the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina as established by the Washington Agreements, and the Republica Srpska (RS).

Border delimitation
Page 1, 1.
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Cross-border provision
Page 1, 2.3
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Governance
Political institutions (new)
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### Power sharing

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<td>Page 2, 3.5 The design and implementation of a system of arbitration for the solution of disputes between the two entities.</td>
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### Human rights and equality

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**Equality**
No specific mention.

**Democracy**
No specific mention.

**Protection measures**
No specific mention.

**Human rights framework**
*Treaty incorporation*

Page 1, 2.4
The two entities will enter into reciprocal commitments...(b) to adopt and adhere to normal international human rights standards and obligations, including the obligation to allow freedom of movement and enable displaced persons to repossess their homes or receive just compensation;

**Civil and political rights**
No specific mention.

**Socio-economic rights**
No specific mention.

**NHRI**
*New or fundamentally revised NHRI*

Page 1, 3.2
The establishment of a Bosnia and Herzegovina Human Rights Commission, to enforce the entities’ human rights obligations. The two entities will abide by the Commission’s decisions.

**Regional or international human rights institutions**
No specific mention.

**Mobility/access**
Page 1, 2.4
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**Detention procedures**
No specific mention.

**Media and communication**
No specific mention.

**Citizenship**
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.
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.

Land, property and environment

- Land reform/rights: No specific mention.

- Pastoralist/nomadism rights: No specific mention.

- Cultural heritage: Promotion
  Page 2, 3, 4
  The appointment of a Commission to Preserve National Monuments.

- Environment: No specific mention.

- Water or riparian rights or access: No specific mention.

Security sector

- Security Guarantees: No specific mention.

- Ceasefire: No specific mention.

- Police: No specific mention.

- Armed forces: No specific mention.

- DDR: No specific mention.

- Intelligence services: No specific mention.
### Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces
No specific mention.

### 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

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