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### Groups

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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**

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- **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
- 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.

**Governance**

**Political institutions (new)**
No specific mention.
Constitution’s affirmation/renewal

Each entity will continue to exist under its present constitution (amended to accommodate these basic principles).

Elections

The two entities will enter into reciprocal commitments (a) to hold complete elections under international auspices;

Electoral commission

No specific mention.

Political parties reform

No specific mention.

Civil society

No specific mention.

Traditional/religious leaders

No specific mention.

Public administration

No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing

No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing

Federal or similar sub-divided government

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).

The design and implementation of a system of arbitration for the solution of disputes between the two entities.

Other

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The 51:49 parameter of the territorial proposal of the Contact Group is the basis for a settlement. This territorial proposal is open for adjustment by mutual agreement.

Economic power sharing

No specific mention.

Military power sharing

No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL

No specific mention.
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.

**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
Withdrawal of foreign forces
Corruption
Crime/organised crime
Drugs
Terrorism

Transitional justice
Transitional justice general
Amnesty/pardon
Courts
Mechanism
Prisoner release
Vetting
Victims
Missing persons
Reparations
Reconciliation

Implementation
UN signatory
Other international signatory
Witnessed by representatives of France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America to the United Nations, and by the European Union Special Negotiator for the Former Yugoslavia
Referendum for agreement

No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar

No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism

No specific mention.