JOINT STATEMENT

President of the Croatian Republic of Herceg Bosnia Mate Boban and
President of the AP Western Bosnia Fikret Abdic

Accepting the principles of the London conference and
taking into consideration provisions for the constitution of the
future Union of Bosnia and Herzegovina, put forward by the Geneva
Peace Conference;

Respecting the traditional interests of the Croatian
and the Muslim peoples;

Convinced of the need for the permanent confidence
building between the Croatian and the Muslim peoples and for the
implementation of efficient measures thereof;

Respecting the Declaration and the Geneva agreements
between the representatives of the Republic of Croatia and Bosnia
and Herzegovina of 14 September 1993;

WE STATE

1. In the light of the excellent cooperation between the
Croats and the Muslims in the Autonomous Province of Western
Bosnia, whose legitimate authorities and predominantly Muslim
population have been exposed to attacks by the B&H Army, we are
determined to exert efforts on the cessation of all hostilities
in the territory of the Union of the Republics and on the
establishment of an immediate and lasting cease fire in the
territory of the Autonomous Province of Western Bosnia. To that
effect the HVO units for the Bihac region will remain
incorporated into the armed forces of the Autonomous Province of
Western Bosnia.

2. Changes in the B&H Presidency by a faction of the
Presidency led by Alija Izetbegovic we consider un-constitutional
and illegal because a member can be dismissed from the Presidency
only if he hands in his resignation or if he has been revoked by
his constituency. That act, which runs contrary to the Geneva
agreement and the arrangements for the establishment of
friendship and cooperation between the Croats and the Muslims in
Bosnia and Herzegovina, brought an end to the last remaining
democratically elected institution in B&H.

3. The signatories of this statement are committed to the
establishment of the closest possible relations between the
Autonomous republic of Western Bosnia and the Croatian Republic
Herceg Bosnia, in the Union of the Republics of B&H.

4. By the same token we are calling on all the parties to
strictly respect internationally recognized human rights and
freedoms and to ensure unrestricted movement of humanitarian
convoys and civilians.
Zagreb, 21 October 1993.

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