PROTOCOL OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CIVILIAN/MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA AND UNPROFOR

Proceeding on the basis of the agreement between Mr Yasushi Akashi, the UN special envoy to the former Yugoslavia, and Dr Radovan Karadžić, President of the Republic of Srpska, made on 6 February 1994 in Lukavica, and the agreement between the Delegation of the Republic of Srpska and the co-chairman of the ICGY on 6 February 1994 in Zvornik, and additionally on the basis of the ceasefire agreement reached by the Serb and Muslim sides at Sarajevo airport on 9 February, a meeting took place in Lukavica on 18 February 1994 between Mr Akashi and Dr Karadžić and their civilian and military assistants. This meeting produced a three point agreement signed by Mr Akashi and Dr Karadžić (see Annex). At a subsequent meeting on 19 February it was further agreed that:

1. in the event that UNPROFOR withdraws, for any reason, from mutually agreed sites for the regrouping of heavy weapons without the agreement of the BSA, or that it withdraws from its interposition areas between the Serb and Muslim lines, the BSA reserves the right to redeploy its weapons and increase troop levels on the frontlines, while in event of a Muslim attack on the Serbs which UNPROFOR is not able either prevent or stop immediately, the BSA reserves the right to implement adequate measures of self-defence;

2. UNPROFOR units on Igman and Bjelasnica must return to the areas agreed with the BSA in August 1993, and that a joint BSA/UNPROFOR inspection of the two areas will periodically be taking place;

3. it is understood that UNPROFOR undertakes to interpose troops along the current battlelines in Sarajevo district which includes its outer ring;

4. neither the Serb nor the Muslim side is permitted to engage in military activities of any description, and this includes consolidation of trenches or their forward movement and similar activities;

5. discussions between the BSA and UNPROFOR will take place as soon as possible on the subject of Sarajevo airport, considering in the first instance two matters: (a) the use of the airport site for communications purposes of the Serb side, and (b) the question of the tunnel underneath the airport used by the Muslims side to move troops;

6. neither the Muslim nor the Serb side will allowed to extract military advantages during the current pacification process in Sarajevo district;

7. if the BSA decides to decrease the number of heavy weapons in the TEZ for reasons of maintenance and repair, UNPROFOR shall at
all times assist the BSA in those activities, it being understood that UNPROFOR will be informed in advance of such cases;

8. any future incidents of the kind that took place in Sarajevo on 6 February 1994, will be investigated by committees that will include Serb experts and empowered to conduct wide-ranging methods of inquiry;

9. BSA and UNPROFOR express readiness to engage in an ongoing process of building measures of mutual confidence.