Dayton Peace Accords

General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina

14 December, 1995

The Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (the "Parties"),

Recognizing the need for a comprehensive settlement to bring an end to the tragic conflict in the region,

Desiring to contribute toward that end and to promote an enduring peace and stability,

Affirming their commitment to the Agreed Basic Principles issued on September 8, 1995, the Further Agreed Basic Principles issued on September 26, 1995, and the cease-fire agreements of September 14 and October 5, 1995,

Noting the agreement of August 29, 1995, which authorized the delegation of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to sign, on behalf of the Republika Srpska, the parts of the peace plan concerning it, with the obligation to implement the agreement that is reached strictly and consequently,

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

The Parties shall conduct their relations in accordance with the principles set forth in the United Nations Charter, as well as the Helsinki Final Act and other documents of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. In particular, the Parties shall fully respect the sovereign equality of one another, shall settle disputes by peaceful means, and shall refrain from any action, by threat or use of force or otherwise, against the territorial integrity or political independence of Bosnia and Herzegovina or any other State.

Article II

The Parties welcome and endorse the arrangements that have been made concerning the military aspects of the peace settlement and aspects of regional stabilization, as set forth in the Agreements at Annex 1-A and Annex 1-B. The Parties shall fully respect and promote fulfilment of the
commitments made in Annex 1-A, and shall comply fully with their commitments as set forth in
Annex 1-B.

Article III

The Parties welcome and endorse the arrangements that have been made concerning the boundary
demarcation between the two Entities, the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republika
Srpska, as set forth in the Agreement at Annex 2. The Parties shall fully respect and promote
fulfilment of the commitments made therein.

Article IV

The Parties welcome and endorse the elections program for Bosnia and Herzegovina as set forth in
Annex 3. The Parties shall fully respect and promote fulfilment of that program.

Article V

The Parties welcome and endorse the arrangements that have been made concerning the
Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as set forth in Annex 4. The Parties shall fully respect and
promote fulfilment of the commitments made therein.

Article VI

The Parties welcome and endorse the arrangements that have been made concerning the
establishment of an arbitration tribunal, a Commission on Human Rights, a Commission on
Refugees and Displaced Persons, a Commission to Preserve National Monuments, and Bosnia and
Herzegovina Public Corporations, as set forth in the Agreements at Annexes 5-9. The Parties shall
fully respect and promote fulfilment of the commitments made therein.

Article VII

Recognizing that the observance of human rights and the protection of refugees and displaced
persons are of vital importance in achieving a lasting peace, the Parties agree to and shall comply
fully with the provisions concerning human rights set forth in Chapter One of the Agreement at
Annex 6, as well as the provisions concerning refugees and displaced persons set forth in Chapter
One of the Agreement at Annex 7.

Article VIII

The Parties welcome and endorse the arrangements that have been made concerning the
implementation of this peace settlement, including in particular those pertaining to the civilian (non-
military) implementation, as set forth in the Agreement at Annex 10, and the international police
task force, as set forth in the Agreement at Annex 11. The Parties shall fully respect and promote
fulfilment of the commitments made therein.
Article IX
The Parties shall cooperate fully with all entities involved in implementation of this peace settlement, as described in the Annexes to this Agreement, or which are otherwise authorized by the United Nations Security Council, pursuant to the obligation of all Parties to cooperate in the investigation and prosecution of war crimes and other violations of international humanitarian law.

Article X
The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina recognize each other as sovereign independent States within their international borders. Further aspects of their mutual recognition will be subject to subsequent discussions.

Article XI
This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature.

DONE at Paris, this [21st] day of [November], 1995, in the Bosnian, Croatian, English and Serbian languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina
For the Republic of Croatia
For the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

Witnessed by:
European Union Special Negotiator
For the French Republic
For the Federal Republic of Germany
For the Russian Federation
For the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
For the United States of America