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Country/entity Bosnia and Herzegovina

Yugoslavia (former)

Region Europe and Eurasia

Agreement name Work Programme of the Conference, International Conference on Yugoslavia (The

London Conference)

Date 28 Aug 1992

Agreement status Multiparty signed/agreed

Interim Yes

arrangement

Balkan Conflicts (1991 - 1995) (1998 - 2001)

Former Yugoslavia

The disintegration of former Yugoslavia post cold war saw conflicts which became mediated and produced peace agreements in Slovenia (where the brief independence conflict was mediated by the EC Troika in 1991), Croatia (between Croatian and Serb populations 1991-1995), in Bosnia (between Croatian, Serb and Bosniak populations 1992-1995), in Macedonia (where mediation played a key pre-emptive role in preventing large scale conflict in 2001), in Kosovo (between Kosovar Albanians and Serbian population and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY), but also between FRY and NATO, 1998-1999), and a conflict in the Presevo Valley (between Albanians in South Serbia and FRY, 2000-2001). The continued fall-out of the disintegration of former Yugoslavia also saw mediated agreement and ultimate dissolution of the Union between Serbia and Montenegro.

Bosnia-Herzegovina

In 1991, after nationalist parties won the first multi-party elections in the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, a violent process of disintegration commenced. With its mixed population, Bosnia-Herzegovina became the centre of the following civil war that began in 1992 between the newly formed army of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina (mostly Muslim Bosniacs), and the parastatal forces of self-declared Bosnian Croat (Herzeg-Bosnia) and Bosnian Serb (Republika Srpska) entities within Bosnia-Herzegovina, supported by Croatia and Serbia, with various, often short-lived, coalitions. The General Framework Agreement (Dayton Peace Agreement), signed in 1995, split the country into two ethno-federal entities, the Bosniak-Croat Federation and the Republika Srpska, and included continued peacekeeping and institutional administration by international actors.

Kosovo

The conflict between Serbs and Kosovar Albanians has a long history and always involved territorial disputes as well as ethno-political, cultural and linguistic factors. The most recent phase of the conflict began in November 1997 when the Albanian Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA or UCK) began their campaign for the independence of Kosovo from the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY – then Serbia and Montenegro). The subsequent war lasted until the NATO intervention, which undertook bombing campaigns of Belgrade and other places in Serbia during spring 1999. The main agreements solving the conflict were internationally driven and, finally, a UNSC resolution imposed a post-conflict arrangement in the wake of what was essentially a NATO military victory. In February 2008, Kosovo's parliament declared independence, but independence is still internationally disputed.

Close

Balkan Conflicts (1991 - 1995) (1998 - 2001)

Stage Pre-negotiation/process

Conflict nature Government/territory

Peace process Bosnia peace process

Parties The signatory participants of the London Conference for this agreement are: Austria,

Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania, Greece, Italy

Third parties -

Description This agreement outlines the work programme and establishes a steering committee for

the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia. It establishes working groups on

several issues: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Humanitarian Issues, Ethnic and National

Communities and Minorities, Economic Issues, and Confidence and Security-Building

and Verification Measures.

Agreement document

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tab) | Download PDF

Groups

Children/youth No specific mention.

Disabled persons No specific mention.

Elderly/age No specific mention.

Migrant workers No specific mention.

Racial/ethnic/ national group Groups→Racial/ethnic/national group→Substantive

Page 1, THE OFFICE OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN, 4.

There will be six Working Groups in continuous session at the Office of the United Nations in Geneva:...(c) Ethnic and National Communities and Minorities Working Group. The Group's task is to recommend initiatives for resolving ethnic questions in the former Yugoslavia. A special group on the former autonomous province of Kosovo will be set up;

Religious groups No specific mention.

Indigenous people No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

Refugees/displaced Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive

persons Page 1, THE OFFICE OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN, 4.

There will be six Working Groups in continuous session at the Office of the United Nations in Geneva:...(b) Humanitarian Issues Working Group. The Group's task is to

promote humanitarian relief in all its aspects, including refugees;

Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and

No specific mention.

gender

Men and boys No specific mention.

LGBTI No specific mention.

Family No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state

(general)

No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/

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secession

There will be six Working Groups in continuous session at the Office of the United Nations in Geneva:...(d) Succession Issues Working Group. The Group's task is to resolve succession issues arising from the emergence of new states on the territory of the former Yugoslavia; (e) Economic Issues Working Group. The Group's task is to address economic issues arising from the emergence of new states in the territory of the former Yugoslavia.

Page 2, ARBITRATION COMMISSION, 5.

The Conference will seek the continued assistance of the Arbitration Commission.

Accession/ unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision

No specific mention.

Governance

Political No specific mention.

institutions (new or

reformed)

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission

No specific mention.

Political parties

reform

No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

Traditional/ religious leaders

No specific mention.

Public

No specific mention.

administration

Constitution Governance→Constitution→Constitutional reform/making

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There will be six Working Groups in continuous session at the Office of the United Nations in Geneva: (a) Bosnia-Herzegovina Working Group. The Group's task is to

promote a cessation of hostilities and a constitutional settlement in Bosnia-Herzegovina;

Power sharing

Political power sharing

No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing

No specific mention.

Economic power

No specific mention.

Military power

No specific mention.

sharing

sharing

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL No specific mention.

general

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty

No specific mention.

incorporation

Civil and political

No specific mention.

rights

Socio-economic

No specific mention.

rights

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures

No specific mention.

Media and

No specific mention.

communication

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection

No specific mention.

measures

Other

No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international No specific mention.

human rights institutions

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and No specific mention. emergency law

State of emergency No specific mention.

provisions

Judiciary and

No specific mention.

courts

Prisons and

No specific mention.

detention

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic

socio-economic reconstruction

reconstruction→Humanitarian assistance Page 1, THE OFFICE OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN, 4.

There will be six Working Groups in continuous session at the Office of the United Nations in Geneva:...(b) Humanitarian Issues Working Group. The Group's task is to

promote humanitarian relief in all its aspects, including refugees;

National economic No specific mention.

plan

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds Page 2, COSTS, 7.

Participants in the Conference agree to bear the costs related to the administrative implementation of this Work Programme and the provision of the Secretariat, with a

scale of contributions to be approved by the Steering Committee.

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/

No specific mention.

nomadism rights

Cultural heritage

No specific mention.

Environment

No specific mention.

Water or riparian

rights or access

No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees No specific mention.

Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments Page 1, THE OFFICE OF THE CO-CHAIRMEN, 4.

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promote a cessation of hostilities and a constitutional settlement in Bosnia-Herzegovina; ...(f) Confidence and Security-building and Verification Measures Working Group. The Group's task are to develop confidence-building measures covering military movements, arms control and arms transfers and limitations, and measures for their monitoring and

verification.

Police

No specific mention.

Armed forces

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There will be six Working Groups in continuous session at the Office of the United

Nations in Geneva:

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

No specific mention.

crime

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice No specific mention.

general

Amnesty/pardon No specific mention.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory UN Secretary-General was co-chairman of the International Conference on Former

Yugoslavia

Other international The signatory participants of the London Conference for this agreement are: Austria, signatory

Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania, Greece, Italy

Referendum for

agreement

No specific mention.

International

mission/force/

No specific mention.

Enforcement

mechanism

similar

No specific mention.

Related cases

No specific mention.

Source

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