

Country/entity	Bosnia and Herzegovina Yugoslavia (former)
Region	Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Negotiating team for the realisation of the cease fire agreement in Bosnia and Herzegovina
Date	25 May 1993
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/intrastate conflict

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.

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

Stage

Pre-negotiation/process

Conflict nature	Government/territory
Peace process	Bosnia peace process
Parties	For the HVO Commission: Slavko PULJIC, Tihomir MARIC; For the Army of BiH Commission: Arif PASALIC, Suad CUPINA
Third parties	Witnesses: Military Observers Senior, Peter ESPENSEN; Representatives of EZ Observers, Nigel MILVERTON
Description	This agreement provides for a mutual prisoner release of all civilians and combatants between the HVO and the Army of BiH, to be facilitated by the Spanish Battalion of UNPROFOR and the ICRC. It also provides for exchange of civilians in the areas of war activities from one community to another.

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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	No specific mention.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/displaced persons	No specific mention.
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

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/secession No specific mention.

Accession/unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission	No specific mention.
Political parties reform	No specific mention.
Civil society	Page 1, 4. ICRC /"Intemational Red Cross Committee"/, whose presence is necessary in the locations of reception, will be informed about the reached agreement.
Traditional/religious leaders	No specific mention.
Public administration	No specific mention.
Constitution	No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
Military power sharing	No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	No specific mention.
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation	Page 1, Untitled preamble With the purpose of reaffirming the will for peace in the region of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the will for release of all persons and property from the pressure of armed conflicts and enemy activities, and the will for complete implementation of the Geneva Convention, dated 12 August 1949, as well as, the Protocol added to the Geneva Convention regarding the protection of victims of armed conflicts, negotiating sides agreed in the following...
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Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication No specific mention.

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of groups
Page 1, Preamble

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Other No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions 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 No specific mention.

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 Page 1, 5.
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DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces Page 1, 5.
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Withdrawal of foreign forces No specific mention.

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/organised crime No specific mention.

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general No specific mention.

Amnesty/pardon No specific mention.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release Page 1, Untitled preamble

Page 1, 1.

Release of all civilians, which are imprisoned. A representative of the negotiating team and a representative of the Spanish Battalion will be in charge of this activity.

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Release of all civilians, which are, for security reasons, in shelters and facilities in the area of war activities. It is also necessary to submit lists containing the following data: first and last name, parents' name, date of birth, nationality, place of permanent residence, address of permanent residence, the date of registration at that address, the address to where the individual wants to move and the first and last name and the relation to the person whose place the individual is moving to. Lists of individuals who want to move from one local community to another will be prepared by Local Community Secretaries.

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Locations of the reception of the above-mentioned persons are "Dacki Dom" and Department Store "Razvitak".

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Verification of all lists of persons will be carried out at the meeting of the negotiating team on 26 May 1993 at 1 000 hours.

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Release of all civilians and soldiers will be carried out on 26 May 1993, at 1500 hours, in the location mentioned in Item 3 of this agreement.

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Aside from the list from Item 2 of this agreement, it is possible to make lists of requests for persons who can not report themselves, due to the war situation or for other reasons.

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Vetting No specific mention.

Victims	Page 1, Untitled preamble With the purpose of reaffirming the will for peace in the region of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the will for release of all persons and property from the pressure of armed conflicts and enemy activities, and the will for complete implementation of the Geneva Convention, dated 12 August 1949, as well as, the Protocol added to the Geneva Convention regarding the protection of victims of armed conflicts, negotiating sides agreed in the following...
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory	Witnessed by UNPROFOR Senior Military Observer, Peter ESPENSEN
Other international signatory	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	Page 1, 1. Release of all civilians, which are imprisoned. A representative of the negotiating team and a representative of the Spanish Battalion will be in charge of this activity. Page 1, 9. Transport of persons mentioned in this agreement will be secured by the Army of BiH and HVO, followed by the Spanish Battalion.
Related cases	No specific mention.
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