

STATEMENT OF 17 JULY BY DR. FRANJO TUDJMAN AND SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC

The president of the Republic of Croatia, Dr. Franjo Tudjman and the President of the Republic of Serbia Slobodan Milosevic hereby issue, after the meeting held under the auspices of the Co-Chairmen on the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia Thorvald Stoltenberg and Lord Owen, the following

Statement

1. All speculations about a partition of Bosnia and Herzegovina between Croatia and Serbia are entirely unfounded.
2. The only way to achieve permanent peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina lies in the recognition of the interests of all the three constituent peoples and in the achievement of the agreement on the establishment of three republics within the scope of a confederation.
3. In expressing their satisfaction with the solution of the problem of Maslenica Bridge, Zemunik and Peruca, the Presidents welcome the achieved agreement on the cessation of hostilities and express they believe that each individual or group responsible for the violation of the agreement should bear full responsibility.

The presidents point out the significance of the achieved agreement as a model for the solution of disputes by peaceful means, and consider it an important step towards the normalization of Croato-Serbian relations as a whole.