

DECLARATION OF 19 SEPTEMBER 1992 OF HARIS SILAJDZIC, RADOVAN KARADIZIC, AND MATE BOBAN

The parties to the conflict reconfirm their commitment to full collaboration on the Programme of Action of Humanitarian Issues agreed between the Co-Chairmen to the Conference, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and the parties to the conflict at the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia in London. In furtherance of the Programme of Action and the enhanced delivery of humanitarian assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina, the parties to the conflict agree to the following measures:

1. The parties to the conflict recognise the vital humanitarian importance of the airlift operation to Sarajevo and, in this connection, agree to undertake promptly all necessary measures for the security of the airport and its approaches in order to allow the immediate resumption of the airlift operation in safety.

2. In order to enhance the earliest possible development of the system of land convoys to deliver humanitarian assistance on the basis of negotiated safe passage, the parties agree to the following specific steps:

a. To grant and ensure safe passage on all roads necessary for the delivery of humanitarian assistance. Priority will be given in the first instance very following additional routes:

- Split-Mostar-Sarajevo;
- Zagreb-Slav. Brod-Doboj-Zenica-Sarajevo;
- Belgrade-Sabac-Loznica-Tuzla-Vlasenica-Sarajevo; and
- Belgrade-Uzice-Gorazde.

Alternative routes are being pursued.

b. The parties to the conflict will, no later than 24 September 1992, identify to the UNHCR representatives, designated representatives of the 1 authorities (at the military police or political level) at all relevant locations with whom the practical arrangements for the expansions of the relief missions and road convoys for the benefit of all victims in need will be made.

3. The parties to the conflict agree to cooperate fully with the International Committee of the Red Cross and, as applicable, UNPROFOR to ensure passage for convoys of released detainees, where necessary. They agree cooperate fully in allowing and being responsible for the free movement of persons.

4. Recognizing the obligation of all parties to the conflict to comply with international humanitarian law and in particular the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and the Additional Protocols thereto, the parties to the conflict agree abstain from measures which would hinder the availability of basic necessities, including electricity and water, to the civilian population in all areas including Sarajevo. They further agree to provide all possible assistance ensure the supply of such necessities.