

Concluding Statement by the Participants in the Bosnia Proximity Peace Talks

Text of Dayton Peace Agreement documents initialed in Dayton, Ohio on November 21, 1995 and signed in Paris on December 14, 1995. The agreement is known as the Dayton Peace Accords. The following text was released by the Office of the Spokesman, December 1, 1995.

The Bosnia Proximity Peace Talks were held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, from November 1 to November 20, 1995, under the auspices of the Contact Group.

During these talks, delegations from the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia, and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia engaged in hours of discussions aimed at reaching a peaceful settlement to the conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

As a result of these constructive and difficult negotiations, the parties reached agreement on the terms of a General Framework Agreement and the following Annexes thereto:

- Annex 1A: Military Aspects of the Peace Settlement
- Annex 1B: Regional Stabilization
- Annex 2: Inter-Entity Boundary
- Annex 3: Elections
- Annex 4: Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Annex 5: Arbitration
- Annex 6: Human Rights
- Annex 7: Refugees and Displaced Persons
- Annex 8: Commission to Preserve National Monuments
- Annex 9: Bosnia and Herzegovina Public Corporations
- Annex 10: Civilian Implementation
- Annex 11: International Police Task Force

On November 20, President Izetbegovic, for the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, President Tudjman, for the Republic of Croatia, President Milosevic, for the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and for the Republika Srpska, and President Zubak, for the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, initialled the Framework Agreement and its Annexes, thus establishing the initialled documents as definitive, and signifying their consent to be bound thereby and their commitment to sign the Framework Agreement and its Annexes without delay.

The parties agree to reconvene in Paris under the auspices of the Contact Group to sign the Framework Agreement and its Annexes shortly.

As evidence of their common endeavor to bring peace to the region, the participants stress the utmost importance of maintaining the cease-fire, of cooperating with all humanitarian and other organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and of ensuring the safety and freedom of movement of personnel of such organizations. In particular, the delegations of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (also on behalf of the Republika Srpska), and the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina have committed themselves to refrain from any hostile act against or interference with members of United Nations Protection Force, the international force to be deployed in accordance with the General Framework Agreement, and personnel of humanitarian organizations and agencies. They specifically commit themselves to assist in locating the French pilots missing in Bosnia and Herzegovina and ensure their immediate and safe return.

The participants express their deep appreciation to the Government and the people of the United States of America for the hospitality extended to them throughout the talks.