

REPORT BY THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLES II AND IV
OF ANNEX 1-B OF
THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR
PEACE IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

(For the year 1998)

1. Article II, Annex 1-B, General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - (a) Status of Implementation
 - Success of the Review Conference held last February
 - No major discrepancies during inspections
 - Trial inspections of "specified areas" (challenge inspections)
 - Remarkable improvement in the quality of data exchanges and notifications
 - Voluntary limitation of training exercises in 1999 under levels permitted by the Agreement
 - Beginning of visits to weapons manufacturing facilities and approval of a related Protocol for these visits
 - Activation of Military Liaison Missions between the defence staffs of the two entities and agreement on a Memorandum of Understanding between the Chiefs of Defence Staff
 - Improved co-ordination with the Office of the High Representative and SFOR
 - Increase of the number of visits and military contacts between the two Entities
 - Organization of a Seminar on Aerial Observation with a practical demonstration and of a Seminar on Civil-Military Co-operation in case of natural disasters with a view to developing a common doctrine for Bosnia and Herzegovina and field manuals for the Entity Armed Forces. They could be tested during a field exercise involving SFOR, OHR and the OSCE at the end of next May
 - Creation, within the universities of Bosnia and Herzegovina, of a network of independent security experts who are linked to similar institutions in OSCE countries
 - (b) Long-Term Objectives

- Contribution of the Personal Representative and of the OSCE Head of Mission to the strategic concepts of the OHR, with the definition of long-term objectives and division of labour between the different institutions concurring in the stabilization of Bosnia and Herzegovina
 - Focus of the action of the Personal Representative and of the OSCE Mission/Department for Regional Stabilization on co-operation, integration, support of the joint institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina and on reduction of military, financial and social burdens
- (c) 1999 Programme
- Consolidation of the results achieved in implementing the notification and inspection regimes, in particular with training of inspectors at weapons manufacturing facilities
 - Seminar on Democratic Control of Security Policy and Armed Forces with three goals
 - Establishment or consolidation of joint institutions, in particular the Standing Committee on Military Matters, and of a law on parliamentary control
 - Beginning of a debate on the concepts to be followed for the common security of Bosnia and Herzegovina and for its preparation for integration into international security systems
 - Establishment of a financial planning and budgeting system that would permit transparency
 - Seminar on peacekeeping with the goal to establish a common doctrine and field manuals for the Armed Forces of the two Entities to allow them to participate in international community efforts
 - Constitution of a Verification Centre at the State level of Bosnia and Herzegovina (to include providing equipment and training); and preparation of a team of inspectors that will allow Bosnia and Herzegovina to exercise its rights and obligations with regard to arms control agreements
 - Consolidation of a network of security institutions and independent experts in the Universities of Bosnia and Herzegovina
2. Article IV, Annex 1-B, General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Sub-Regional Arms Control
- (a) Status of Implementation
- Consolidation of notification and inspection regimes

- Assistance to the Parties for inspections
- Destruction of excess weapons (250 after the completion of the reduction period)
- Success of the Review Conference (June 1998)
- (b) Long-Term Objectives
 - Reduction of the exemptions from the Dayton Ceilings with a view to reducing weapons and readiness
 - Assistance to the Parties in assuming the chairmanship of the Subregional Consultative Commission
- (c) 1999 Programme
 - Monitoring of holdings of armaments
 - Standing Operating Procedures for the Chairmanship of the Subregional Consultative Commission
 - Homogenization of the software of the Verification Centres
 - Training in and conduct of inspections at undeclared sites (challenge inspections)
 - Workshop to homogenize notifications of relevant data and of conduct of inspections