

At the invitation of the President of the Republic of Serbia, Slobodan Milošević, and motivated by the goal of securing a durable peace between the Serbs and Moslems in the area of former Yugoslav Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the President of the Republic of Srpska, Radovan Karadžić; and the President of the Autonomous Province of Western Bosnia of the Republic of Bosnia, Fikret Abdić, have met in Belgrade and decided to propose, jointly, and with the involvement of the President of the Republic of Serbia, Slobodan Milošević, the following

D E C L A R A T I O N

1. The Republic of Srpska recognizes the existence, the will of the people, and the legal authority of the Autonomous Province of Western Bosnia of the Republic of Bosnia, one of the three constituent Republics of the Union of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as defined by the Owen and Stoltenberg Peace Plan.

2. The Autonomous Province of Western Bosnia of the Republic of Bosnia recognizes the existence, the will of the people, and the legal authority of the Republic of Srpska, one of the three constituent Republics of the Union of Bosnia and Herzegovina, as defined by the Owen and Stoltenberg Peace Plan.

3. Presidents Radovan Karadžić and Fikret Abdić, in the name of their citizens and Governments, solemnly proclaim the peace, and declare the start of the building of good neighborly relations and universal cooperation in the fields of politics, economy, traffic and communications, culture, sports, and other fields.

4. Full freedom of movement shall be guaranteed to all citizens of the Autonomous Province of Western Bosnia of the Republic of Bosnia through the entire territory of the Republic of Srpska, and to all citizens of the Republic of Srpska through the entire territory of the Autonomous Province of Western Bosnia of the Republic of Bosnia, with the official travel or personal identity documents issued by the relevant authorities of the Autonomous Province of Western Bosnia of the Republic of Bosnia, or the Republic of Srpska, respectively.

5. The borders between the Republic of Srpska and the Autonomous Province of Western Bosnia of the Republic of Bosnia shall be opened at the locations to be determined by the Representatives of the Governments of the Republic of Srpska and the Autonomous Province of Western Bosnia of the Republic of Bosnia, within 48 hours of the pronouncement of this Declaration. The border crossings shall be opened and put in order, on the basis of agreement of both sides, within 7 (seven) days of the pronouncement of this Declaration.

6. All fundamental freedoms and human rights, as provided for by the relevant international legal instruments, shall be mutually guaranteed, in accordance with the Owen and Stoltenberg Peace Plan.

7. All persons officially proven to have violated the provisions of international legislation of the conduct of war, shall be prosecuted before the regular Courts of Law of the Republic of Srpska and the Autonomous Province of Western Bosnia of the Republic of Bosnia, respectively.

8. The right to return to their hearths, should they desire to do so, shall be recognized to all persons displaced from them by the civil war.

9. Presidents Radovan Karadžić and Fikret Abdić shall appoint a Border Commission with the mandate to demarcate the borders between the Republic of Srpska and the Autonomous Province of Western Bosnia of the Republic of Bosnia, within 7 (seven) days. Here, the most notable task shall be the demarcation of the borders in the area of the town of Krupa on the right bank of river Una.

10. Presidents Radovan Karadžić and Fikret Abdić reaffirm that free passage to all international humanitarian aid convoys shall be facilitated on the entire territories of the Republic of Srpska and the Autonomous Province of Western Bosnia of the Republic of Bosnia, with the aim of providing help to all those who may need it.

11. Presidents Radovan Karadžić and Fikret Abdić express their hope that the leadership of the Republic of Bosnia in Sarajevo shall join this Declaration, and emphasize their readiness to start the talks to that effect immediately.

12. Presidents Radovan Karadžić and Fikret Abdić express their gratitude to the President of the Republic of Serbia, Slobodan Milošević, for the great contribution he has given to the arrangement of the just and durable peace between the Republic of Srpska and the Autonomous Province of Western Bosnia of the Republic of Bosnia.

In Belgrade, 22 October 1993

PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA

Dr Radovan Karadžić

PRESIDENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS
PROVINCE OF WESTERN BOSNIA
OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOSNIA

Fikret Abdić

Witness to the agreement achieved,
and assuming the obligation to
mediate in the case of difficulties
arising in its implementation:

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

Slobodan Milošević

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