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