

VIDEO: 25th anniversary of the signing of the Dayton Peace Agreement marked in Sarajevo

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The ceremony marking the 25th anniversary of the signing of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina was held at the Sarajevo City Hall on Saturday, 12 December 2020.

The Dayton-Paris Peace Agreement was initialled on 21 November 1995 in Dayton, USA, and signed the same year on 14 December in Paris. The Agreement ended almost four years of bloodshed and destruction in Bosnia and Herzegovina and paved the way for the long and challenging process of recovery and reconciliation. Despite challenges and political disputes, peace reigns in Bosnia and Herzegovina today, which is the most important legacy of the Dayton Peace Agreement.

The ceremony included live speeches by the High Representative, Valentin Inzko, BiH Foreign Minister Bisera Turković, US Ambassador to BiH Eric Nelson, Deputy Head of Mission Xavier Rouard on behalf of the French Ambassador to BiH Christine Toudic, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to BiH and the EU Special Representative Johann Sattler, and Executive Director of the AGORA Foundation Danijel Petrović, followed by prerecorded video messages to BiH citizens by more than twenty former and current senior state and international officials, friends of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Aside from the messages, the Sarajevo Philharmonic Orchestra performed Mozart's 25th Symphony.

Photo gallery: