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January

10 January

First meeting of Joint Civilian Commission (JCC), chaired by Carl Bildt, Sarajevo

15 January

International conference on elections in BiH, Stockholm

17 January

First meeting of Major Implementation Agencies, chaired by Mr. Bildt, Brussels

24 January

First meeting of Joint Interim Commission (JIC), chaired by Mr. Bildt, Sarajevo

29 January

Meeting of the Human Rights Task Force in Brussels

31 January

Hasan Muratovic replaces Haris Silajdzic as BiH Prime Minister

February

1 February

First session of the Provisional Election Commission (PEC) set up by the [OSCE](#)

3 February

Transfer from one entity to the other of areas specified in the GFAP, notably around Sarajevo and "the anvil" around Mrkonjic Grad (D+45)

17-18 February

Rome meeting on implementation involving the Contact Group and the three Presidents of Bosnia, Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

24 February

Transfer of police and civil authority to the Federation in Vogosca, Sarajevo

March

4 March

International meeting on Human Rights in BiH, Vienna

5 March

Meeting of PIC Steering Board, Brussels

14 March

Carl Bildt sends his first report to the UNSC

16 March

Third Meeting of the Joint Interim Commission

18 March

1. Geneva meeting of Contact Group and the three Presidents
2. Transfer of police and civil authority in final Sarajevo suburbs including Grbavica

21 March

First Meeting of the Commission on Real Property for Displaced Persons and Refugees , Sarajevo

23 March

Moscow meeting of Contact Group and three Foreign Ministers

12-13 March

Brussels conference on Economic Reconstruction

April

3 April

Carl Bildt reports to UNSC in New York

13 April

Second EU/World Bank Donors' Conference for BiH in Brussels, boycotted by the RS.
Pledges made: \$ 1.3 billion

24 April

Meeting of PIC Steering Board, Sarajevo

25 April

Federation Forum, Petersberg, Bonn

May

6 May

Carl Bildt opens OHR office in Banja Luka

14 May

Federation Forum, Washington

18 May

Gojko Klicovic replaces Rajko Kasagic as RS Prime Minister

22 May

First pledging conference for Open Broadcast Network: Brussels

24 May

1. Appointment of Local Election Commissions
2. PIC Steering Board: Paris

June

2 June

Geneva meeting of Contact Group and three Presidents

4 June

Contact Group Ministerial in Berlin

13-14 June

Peace Implementation Review Conference, Florence

14 June

Deadline for registration of political parties

27 June

Federation Forum, Sarajevo

28-29 June

G7/8 Lyon Summit: demand for Mr. Karadzic to leave political office

30 June

1. City elections in Mostar
2. Release of Karadzic letter to Carl Bildt confirming resignation from public office.
Biljana Plavsic to be acting President of RS

July

10 July

Carl Bildt sends his second report to the UNSC

19 July

1. Start of BiH election campaign
2. Richard Holbrooke brokers deal for Karadzic to step down from Party offices
3. First meeting of OBN Governing Council, OHR Brussels

25 July

PEC extends out-of-country registration to 5 August (and later to 8 August)

30 July

PIC Steering Board: Brussels

31 July

Carl Bildt reports to UNSC in New York

August

12 August

Contact Group meeting in Brussels

14 August

1. Contact Group meeting in Geneva with three Presidents
2. Ivan Prskalo appointed Mayor of Mostar

27 August

Amb. Frowick of OSCE announces postponement of municipal elections

29 August

Violent clashes between Bosniaks and RS police in the village of Mahala, BiH

31 August

Formal deadline for dissolution of “Herceg-Bosna”

September

5 September

Meeting of the PIC Steering Board in Brussels

5-12 September

Sir Arthur Watts conducts 4th round of discussions on succession issues meeting separately with delegations of all five States, Brussels

7 September

1. Contact Group meeting in Frankfurt
2. Open Broadcast Network, BiH's first independent, cross-entity TV network, goes on air

7-8 September

Informal meeting of EU Foreign Ministers in Tralee, Ireland

9 September

Ministers of Interior Avdo Hebib for the Federation and Dragan Kijac, for the RS, decide on 19 “voters’ routes” across the IEHL as recommended passage for transportation of voters on election day.

14 September

Bosnia-wide elections for BiH Presidency, the House of Representatives of BiH, the Presidency of RS, the National Assembly of RS, the House of Representatives of the Federation and the Cantonal Assemblies in the Federation of BiH

16 September

1. Preliminary Statement by the Coordinator for International Monitoring (CIM), Eduard van Thijn, expresses satisfaction with technical aspects of the elections.
2. Prijedor Chief of Police, Simo Drljaca, and IFOR troops exchange gunfire

21-22 September

Bosniaks enter the village of Jusici in the ZOS

24 September

Second Statement by the Coordinator for International Monitoring (CIM), Eduard van Thijn, confirms general satisfaction with the conduct of the elections.

25 September

Contact Group Ministerial level meeting, New York

26 September

Carl Bildt briefs the UN Security Council in New York

29 September

PEC certifies the results of the 14 September multi-party elections in BiH – official results reveal that Alija Izetbegovic, Kresimir Zubak and Momcilo Krajisnik will form the three member BiH Presidency. Izetbegovic, with most votes, serves as Chairman.

30 September

October

1 October

1. The UN Security Council formally lifts remaining sanctions imposed on FRY
2. Carl Bildt submits his third report to the UN Secretary-General

2 October

PIC Steering Board, Sarajevo

3 October

1. Meeting between Presidents Izetbegovic and Milosevic, Paris
2. Bosniaks in Jusici agree to abide by procedures for safe and orderly return to the village

4 October

1. OBN Governing Council Meeting, Brussels
2. Ambassador Frowick announces that municipal elections will be held from 22-24 November

5 October

Inauguration Ceremony of the Presidency and of the House of Representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly, National Theatre, Sarajevo – Izetbegovic and Zubak sign the “Solemn Declaration” – RS Presidency member, Momcilo Krajisnik fails to attend

10 October

Contact Group Meeting, London

14-15 October

Sir Arthur Watts meets in plenary session with delegations of all five States, Brussels

15 October

1. UN IPTF formally takes over from the Western European Union police the responsibility for monitoring police in Mostar
2. New Procedures for the return to ZOS are devised by UNHCR, working with OHR, IFOR and IPTF

19 October

Inaugural session of the newly elected RS National Assembly, Banja Luka

21-22 October

Political Directors of France, Germany, Italy and the UK visit Sarajevo for meetings with members of the BiH Presidency

22 October

1. BiH Presidency Meeting, National Museum, Sarajevo – RS Presidency member Momcilo Krajisnik signs the “Solemn Declaration”
2. Ambassador Frowick announces postponement of municipal elections – new timeframe being considered between April and June 1997

23 October

Carl Bildt briefs the North Atlantic Council, Brussels – also meets with SACEUR, General

Joulwan, at SHAPE to discuss deployment of LANDCENT

23 and 25 October

Federation Special Group Meetings – agreements reached on flag, coat of arms and future organisation of Sarajevo

25 October

1. BiH Presidency Meeting, Lukavica, Sarajevo(4th meeting – 3rd working session)
2. 2nd session of the BiH Presidency, Lukavica, Sarajevo

27 October

Ambassador Steiner visits Prijedor and Drvar – sites of recent destruction of homes

29 October

1. Sir Martin Garrod writes to Federation President Zubak expressing grave concern about the situation in Mostar
2. 3rd Session of the BiH Presidency, National Museum, Sarajevo

30 October

1. Sarajevo Cantonal Assembly meeting
2. Three Personal Representatives of the BiH Presidency meet at OHR to discuss detention issues

November

1 November

4th session of the BiH Presidency, National Museum, Sarajevo

3 November

1st elections in FRY since the end of the war

5 November

5th session of the BiH Presidency, Lukavica, Sarajevo

6 November

Both Houses of the Federation Assembly hold constituent sessions, Sarajevo

7 November

1. PIC Steering Board Meeting, Brussels
2. IFOR Commander Admiral Joseph Lopez formally hands over duties to General William Crouch, Sarajevo Airport
3. Human Rights Task Force Meeting

8 November

6th session of the BiH Presidency, Sarajevo

11 November

1. Contrary to agreed measures, several hundred Bosniaks from the Celic area cross the IEBL into Gajevi resulting in violent reactions from RS police.
2. Dayton Property Commission for Real Property Claims of Displaced Persons and Refugees begins processing claims Sarajevo, Lukavica and Mostar

12 November

7th session of the BiH Presidency

12-13 November

Sir Arthur Watts meets in plenary session with delegations of all five States, Brussels

14 November

1. Ministerial level PIC Steering Board Meeting, Paris
2. IFOR announce the establishment of a “temporary restriction zone” in the Celic region to prevent the recurrence of recent violations of crossing procedures

21 November

US freighter arrives in Ploce harbour to unload arms for the BiH Federation “Train and Equip” programme

22 November

8th session of the BiH Presidency, Sarajevo

23-24 November

Coalition for Return Meeting, Mostar

25 November

Open Broadcast Network (OBN) Governing Council meeting, Brussels

26-27 November

PIC Steering Board Meeting, Bonn

28 November

9th session of the BiH Presidency

29 November

European Commission hosts conference on the role of the media in ex-Yugoslavia, Brussels

December

1 December

The Government of RS announces it has withdrawn from the Brcko arbitration process

2-3 December

OSCE Summit, Lisbon

3-5 December

Plenary Meeting on Succession Issues for the Former Yugoslavia, London

4-5 December

Full Meeting of the Peace Implementation Council, London

8 December

The Brcko Arbitral Tribunal announces a two month extension to the arbitration process, until 15 February 1997

8-9 December

Inaugural conference of the University of Sarajevo Human Rights Centre, Sarajevo

11-12 December

NATO Summit, Brussels

13-14 December

BiH Federation Forum, Mostar and Sarajevo

12 December

10th session of the BiH Presidency, Sarajevo

15 December

Coalition for Return Meeting, Banja Luka

16 December

1. Carl Bildt attends meeting of UNHCR chaired Humanitarian Issues Working Group in Geneva
2. Contact Group meeting, Geneva

20 December

IFOR officially hands over its duties to the Stabilisation Force (SFOR)

27 December

1. OSCE's Felipe Gonzalez releases a report on his Mission's findings which concludes that the Opposition "Zajedno" had won the elections in 13 Serbian municipalities in the 17 November elections
2. Third session of the RS National Assembly, Jahorina

28 December

Carl Bildt releases a statement urging President Slobodan Milosevic to recognise the findings of the OSCE Mission

30 December

11th session of the BiH Presidency, Lukavica

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