Agreement on returns within the City of Mostar, 16 April 1998

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1. We support and accept the unconditional, organised and voluntary return of displaced persons and refugees to all six municipalities in accordance with Annex 7 of the Peace Agreement.
2. The process of return will immediately begin to 120 houses identified in Polje in Bijelo Polje, 77 vacant houses in Rastani and 80 vacant houses in the settlement of Bijelo Polje. The vacating of the inhabited houses in Polje will begin without delay by the responsible municipal authorities under the guidance of Cantonal and Federation authorities, and under monitoring by the international community. Immediate return to the convent, vicarage and priests' retirement home in Bijelo Polje will also be facilitated.
3. Immediate returns will also begin to the settlements of Zahum, Rondo and Ilice, where relevant City and municipal authorities will identify streets for the first returns to take place, including at least 60 vacant houses, as well as to all vacant houses in the municipality of Stari Grad, numbering at least 76. The process of identifying houses will be monitored by the international community.
4. In municipality South, immediate returns will begin to at least 50 vacant houses in Buna, Jasenica, Ortijes, Laksevina and Pijesci which will be identified by relevant City and municipal authorities, and to all vacant houses in the municipality South-East, at least 70. The process of identifying houses will be monitored by the international community.
5. Discussions about further phases of return will be ongoing, and will seek to identify further areas for return, keeping in mind the right of all displaced persons and refugees to return to their homes of origin and the principles set out in the Federation instructions and the Cantonal decision on the return plan.

(signed)
Safet Orucevic
Mayor of Mostar

(signed)
Ivan Prskalo
Deputy Mayor of Mostar