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Statement of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina held its sixteenth session in the State Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo on 10 March 1997.

The Presidency considered the issue of the establishment of the Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina and decided to invite to its next session the members of the Governing Board of the Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to resolve the open issues.

The Presidency charged the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to provide the Members of the Presidency by the next Presidency session with official copies of the international agreements ratified by the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina from 1 January 1992 until today, in accordance with Annex 2, Article 5 of the Dayton Constitution of BiH, so that the Presidency could take a position on these agreements; within that context the Presidency shall take a position on the agreement between the RS and the FRY too.

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of BiH from the Dayton Agreement (Article 5, Point 5), the Presidency agreed to establish a Standing Committee on Military Matters.

The Presidency instructed the Working Group to prepare by the next Presidency session a fully rationalized structure of the diplomatic-consular network of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

On the basis of the proposal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Presidency considered the American initiative for South-Eastern Europe (SECI) and concluded that the cooperation within this initiative should continue, and the decision on the membership of BiH shall be considered at a later stage.

The Presidency instructed the Working Group to continue working on the structure and organization of the Technical and Administrative Services of the Presidency as well as on the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Presidency of BiH.

The agreements exclusively under the competence of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be signed in accordance with the previously established procedure; the agreements which create commitments and rights for the entities shall be signed by the authorised Member of BiH Presidency and the authorised representative of the entity.

Office of the High Representative