

## **Statement - Sarajevo, 12/11/96**

### **Statement of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina**

The Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina held its seventh session in Sarajevo on November 12, 1996.

The Presidency continued discussions on the organization of the Council of Ministers. Since no agreement has been reached, the work on that issue shall continue at the next session.

The Presidency has adopted the Platform for the Paris Conference prepared by the Working Group. The members of the Presidency shall, in their speeches at the Paris Conference, present their standpoints on the issues on which they still have differing positions. The Working Group was instructed to continue with preparations for the London Conference in the same composition, which may be enlarged if necessary.

The Presidency acknowledged the report by their Personal Representatives on issues related to arrested and detained persons.

Examining the letter by the High Representative, Carl Bildt, concerning the telecommunication links between the Members of the Presidency, the Presidency has also instructed that symmetrical telephone links between the Presidency Members be immediately established, and instructed the PTTs of the Federation and of Republika Srpska to complete the necessary work without delay. The Presidency also instructed the relevant authorities and experts to participate in a meeting to be organized by the OHR at the end of November, to agree on a detailed plan for the urgent implementation of the existing project of the European Bank on Reconstruction and Development inter-linking the networks.

### **Office of the High Representative**