

# UN Security Council resolution 913 (1994) on the situation in BiH, particularly in the safe area of Gorazde and political settlement of the situation in the former Yugoslavia

## RESOLUTION 913 (1994)

*Adopted by the Security Council at its 3367th meeting, on 22  
April 1994*

*The Security Council,*

*Recalling* all its previous relevant resolutions on the  
conflict in the  
Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and *reaffirming* in this  
context its  
resolution 908 (1994) of 31 March 1994,

*Recalling also* the statement by the President of the Security  
Council on  
6 April 1994 (S/PRST/1994/14) relating to the situation in the  
safe area of  
Gorazde,

*Reaffirming* the sovereignty, territorial integrity and

political  
independence of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the  
responsibility of  
the Security Council in this regard,

*Deeply concerned* by the ongoing hostilities in and around  
Gorazde, as well  
as by the consequences for the situation in other areas of the  
Republic of  
Bosnia and Herzegovina and on the negotiation process aimed at  
an overall  
political settlement,

*Condemning* in the strongest possible terms the Bosnian Serb  
forces for  
their continued offensive against the safe area of Gorazde,  
which has resulted  
in the death of numerous civilians and tremendous human  
suffering,

*Condemning also* all attacks against civilian populations and  
humanitarian  
relief workers and *reiterating* that any persons committing  
violations of  
international humanitarian law will be held individually  
responsible,

*Condemning further* the Bosnian Serb party for their failure to  
negotiate in  
good faith and to uphold their commitments made to the  
representatives of the  
United Nations and the Russian Federation in respect of cease-  
fire arrangements  
in and around Gorazde,

*Sharing* the concern expressed by the Secretary-General in his reports of 10 March 1994 (S/1994/291) and 16 March 1994 (S/1994/300) and *taking note* of the recommendations of the Secretary-General concerning the definition and implementation of the concept of safe areas,

*Determined* to contribute to the immediate establishment of a lasting cease-fire in Gorazde as well as throughout the territory of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina through negotiations between the parties, and to ensure its respect,

*Reaffirming* the mandate conferred on the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) by its resolutions 824 (1993), 836 (1993), 844 (1993) and 908 (1994), and *emphasizing* that UNPROFOR will continue to make full use of this mandate as and when needed in execution of the Council's relevant resolutions,

*Praising* the untiring and courageous action of the personnel of UNPROFOR and of other United Nations agencies in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina,

*Condemning* the harassment and the detention of UNPROFOR personnel by the Bosnian Serb forces and all obstacles to UNPROFOR's freedom of movement,

*Paying tribute* to the enlargement of diplomatic efforts towards the

conclusion of an overall political settlement, *welcoming* in this context the ongoing international efforts by representatives of the United Nations, the European Union, the United States of America and the Russian Federation, and *determined* to strengthen and coordinate these international efforts in order to bring together the current diplomatic initiatives with the aim of securing the participation of all the parties concerned in an overall political settlement,

*Determining* that the situation in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina continues to constitute a threat to international peace and security, *reiterating* its determination to ensure the security of UNPROFOR and its freedom of movement for all its missions, and, to these ends, *acting* under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,

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1. *Demands* the immediate conclusion by the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Bosnian Serb party of a cease-fire agreement, under the auspices of UNPROFOR, in Gorazde and throughout the territory of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, leading to an agreement on cessation of hostilities, and *demands* that all parties comply strictly with such agreements;

2.*Invites* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to ensure that UNPROFOR is able, within the limits of its available resources, to monitor the situation in Gorazde and respect of any cease-fire and disengagement of the military forces in Gorazde, including any measure to put heavy weapons of the parties under United Nations control;

3.*Condemns* the shelling and attacks by the Bosnian Serb forces against the safe area of Gorazde as defined in resolution 824 (1993) and *demands* the withdrawal of these forces and their weapons to a distance to be agreed by UNPROFOR wherefrom they cease to constitute a threat to the status of Gorazde as a safe area;

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4.*Calls for* an end to any provocative action by whomsoever committed in and around the safe areas;

5.*Demands* the immediate release of all United Nations personnel still held by the Bosnian Serb forces;

6.*Demands further* unimpeded freedom of movement for UNPROFOR in the fulfilment of all its tasks and the removal of all obstacles to such freedom of movement;

7.*Confirms* the decision in resolution 908 (1994) to take action by  
30 April 1994 at the latest on the further troop requirements recommended by the  
Secretary-General;

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8.*Underlines* the urgent need to intensify the efforts towards an overall  
political settlement agreed by all parties in the former Yugoslavia, and in  
particular in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina;

9.*Calls for* the intensification of the efforts to achieve a peaceful  
settlement with coordination and close consultation between the representatives  
of the United States and the Russian Federation and those of the United Nations  
and the European Union, with the aim of bringing together current diplomatic  
initiatives;

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10.*Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter, and *stands ready*  
promptly to consider taking further measures as required.