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CONSTITUTION OF SARAJEVO CANTON

A. I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1.

Content

This Constitution defines organization and status of Sarajevo Canton (hereinafter: the Canton), its competencies and structure of authorities.

Article 2.

Establishment of the Canton

The part of the territory of the city of Sarajevo, which belonged to the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter: the Federation) pursuant to the division between the Entities in Bosnia and Herzegovina done by the peace Agreement for Bosnia and Herzegovina that had been signed in Paris on 14 Dec 1995 (hereinafter: the Peace Agreement), should be organized as a canton in accordance with the Federation Constitution and this Constitution.

Article 3.

Name and Seat of the Canton

The official name of the Canton is Sarajevo Canton. The seat of the Canton is in Sarajevo.

Article 4.

Territory of the Canton

The territory of the Canton comprises territories of municipalities: Centar Sarajevo, Hadzici, Ilidza, Ilijas, Novi Grad Sarajevo, Novo Sarajevo, Stari Grad Sarajevo, Trnovo and Vogosca, as defined by the Peace Agreement. This territory is closer defined by the special regulation of the Cantonal Assembly (hereinafter: the Assembly) in line with the Federal laws.

In a case of chancing the Cantonal territory by separating parts of its territory for the sake of their addition to other cantons or by adding parts of other cantons to this Canton the Assembly shall give its preliminary opinion, and its confirmation can he sought through personal declaration of citizens from the Cantonal territory in one of prescribed methods.

Article 5.

Official Insignia of the Canton

The Canton has its coat of arms, the flag, the anthem/ceremonial song, and the seal, as well as other insignia determined by the Assembly.

The official Cantonal insignia shall be used either independently or together with the official insignia of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federation, as it is defined by their regulations and the Cantonal regulations.

A qualified majority out of the whole number of deputies in the Assembly is necessary for acceptance of the official insignia from the previous Paragraph.

Article 6.

Relations Towards Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federation

Sarajevo is the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federation, as it is stipulated by their Constitutions.

Authorities in the Canton are obliged to ensure full protection of interests of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federation in their capital. They can neither adopt any regulations or other acts nor undertake any activities that might limit the rights or violate the interests of Bosnia and Herzegovina or the Federation in this territory in any manner.

II - PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

Article 7.

Establishment of Human Rights and Freedoms

Full protection of human rights and freedoms shall be ensured in the territory of the Canton as stipulated by the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Constitution of the Federation, as well as in instruments given in the Annex of the Federation Constitution.

The Assembly or any other body of the Canton cannot reduce human rights and freedoms envisaged by the documents from the previous Paragraph. In passing regulations and in their application, they are especially obliged to take care on effects that such regulations have or may have in the field of human rights and freedoms.

Article 8.

Protection of Human Rights and Freedoms

The Assembly shall ensure adoption of such regulations that will primarily protect defined human rights and freedoms, and then introduce efficient instruments of that protection.

In performing regulations, the authorities in the Canton are obliged to disable any infringement of human rights and freedoms, and then to take all necessary in measures within its competencies for their full protection. This especially refers to the police forces that shall ensure full personal and property protection of each citizen by efficient, preventive and operative work.

Article 9.

Human Rights Commission

The Assembly shall form the special Human Rights Commission for protection of human rights and freedoms and control of all Cantonal authorities work in this field.

Number of members and the method of their appointment and competencies of the Commission from the previous Paragraph shall be defined by the special regulation of the Canton.

Article 10.

Cooperation with the Ombudsmen and International Organizations

The Assembly and all other authorities are obliged to give all necessary assistance to the Ombudsmen of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Ombudsmen of the Federation and all international human rights monitoring bodies in performing their functions in the territory of the Canton.

In the framework of the assistance from the previous Paragraph, the authorities of the Canton shall especially:

- a) present for an insight all official documents including those of confidential character, then all judicial and administrative acts;
- b) ensure cooperation of each person and each clerk in giving necessary information and data;
- c) ensure an access and control in all places where some people are imprisoned, detained or work,
- d) enable presence to all judicial and administrative procedures as well as meetings of authorities.

Findings and reports of bodies from the Paragraph 1. of this Article shall be considered by competent authorities in an urgent procedure, and on that basis appropriate measures shall be undertaken where needed.

III - COMPETENCIES OF THE CANTON

Article 11.

Determination of Competencies

The Canton has its competencies envisaged by the Constitution of the Federation and this Constitution.

In a case of a need for an interpretation, the competencies of the Canton stipulated by this Constitution shall be interpreted in the benefit of the Canton under the principle of assumed competencies, and competencies individually mentioned in this Constitution shall not be interpreted as any limitations of general competencies of the Canton.

Article 12.

Exclusive Competencies

Within its competencies, the Canton is competent for the:

- a) establishment and monitoring of police forces;
- b) definition of the educational policy, including enactment of regulations on education and ensuring education;
- c) definition and implementation of the cultural policy;
- d) definition of housing policy, including adoption of regulations related to decoration and building of housing objects;
- e) definition of policy related to regulation and ensuring public services;
- f) enactment of regulations on use of local land;
- g) enactment of regulations on improving local business and charity activities;
- h) enactment of regulations on local facilities for energy production and ensuring their availability;
- i) definition of policy in relation to ensuring radio and television, including enactment of regulations on ensuring their work and construction;
- j) carrying out social policy and establishment of social protection services;
- k) creation and application of tourism policy and development of tourist resources;
- 1) creation of assumptions for optimal development of economy that is appropriate to an urban environment;
- m) financing activities of cantonal authorities or cantonal agencies by taxation, loans or other means.

Article 13.

Common Competencies with the Federation

Together with the Federation, independently or with the Federal authorities, the Canton shall perform the following competencies:

- a) guaranteeing and implementing human rights;
- b) health care;
- c) human environment protection policy.
- d) communication and transport infrastructure,
- e) social policy;
- f) implementation of laws and other regulations on citizenship;
- g) immigration and asylum;
- h) tourism;
- i) natural resources use.

Article 14.

Performing Competencies

The Canton performs its competencies by its own regulations and by applying regulations of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federation.

The Canton performs competencies from Article 13. of this Constitution in a scope agreed with the Federal authorities. In a case that such agreement does not exist, the Canton shall perform those competencies integrally and independents.

Article 15.

Transfer of Competencies

The Canton can delegate all its Competencies in the fields of education, culture, tourism, local business and charity activities, radio and television, to municipalities within its composition. These competencies shall be obligatorily delegated to those municipalities in which majority of population according to its national structure does not represent a population that has majority on the territory of the whole Canton.

The Canton can delegate a part of its competencies on the Federal authorities, too, if that manner world ensure their more efficient and rational performing.

The decision on transfer of competencies in the sense of this Article shall be passed by the Assembly.

IV - STRUCTURE OF AUTHORITIES

A) LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITIES

Article 16.

General provisions

The Cantonal Assembly performs the legislative power in the Canton.

Article 17.

Composition of the Assembly

The Assembly is a unicameral representative body composed of 45 (from five) deputies. Deputies are elected by secret voting in the direct elections in the whole territory of the Canton.

An adequate participation of representatives of Bosniaks, Croats and Others shall be provided in election of deputies proportionally to the national composition of the population in the territory of the Canton.

The election of deputies in the Assembly shall be provided in harmony with the Federal electoral rules, but the elections shall be scheduled and implemented by the Assembly.

Deputies mandate in the Assembly shall last (two) years.

Article 18.

Competencies of the Assembly the Assembly of the Canton

The assembly of the Canton:

- a) prepares and adopts the Cantonal Constitution by the two-thirds majority;
- b) adopts laws and other regulations within competencies performed by the Canton, beside regulations given by this Constitution or by the law to competencies of the Cantonal Government;
- c) chooses and dismisses the president and the Vice-president of the Canton in accordance to the Federation Constitution and this Constitution;
- d) determines policy and passes programs of the development of the Canton;
- e) approves nominations of the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime minister and members of the Cantonal Government;
- f) establishes cantonal and municipal courts and defines their competencies;
- g) selects justices of cantonal courts accordingly to the Federation Constitution and this Constitution;
- h) passes the Canton budget and enacts laws on taxation and provides necessary funding in any other manner;
- i) elects deputies to the house of peoples of the Federation in line with the Federation Constitution;
- j) makes decisions on transfer of authorities from the Canton to municipalities and the Federation;
- k) verifies conclusion of contracts and agreements in the field of international relations and international cooperation;
- 1) conducts investigation in harmony with this Constitution and special regulations;
- m) performs other activities prescribed by the Federal regulations, this Constitution and Cantonal regulations.

Article 19.

Method of work of the Assembly

The Assembly elects its Chair and two of his Deputies out of elected deputies. Sessions of the Assembly are public, except in cases envisaged by its Book of Rules. Reports on sessions and decisions made shall be published in mass media.

The work method of the Assembly shall be closer defined by its Book of Rules.

Article 20.

Deputies Immunity

A criminal procedure or a civil proceeding cannot start against a Cantonal deputy, nor a Cantonal deputy can be detained or punished in any manner because of an opinion expressed or a vote given in the Assembly.

Article 21.

Method of Decision-making in the Assembly

While performing its competencies, the Assembly passes laws, other regulations, and general and individual acts (hereinafter: regulations).

Regulations are considered enacted if at least 51% of deputies attend the session and if the majority of votes the proposed regulation elected deputies.

Exceptionally, regarding the issues related to realization of interests of the certain groups of citizens, 15% of deputies may ask the decision making by the two third majority vote of the total number of elected deputies in the Assembly.

Regulations that have the general act character enter into force as stipulated but not be- fore their publishing.

Article 22.

Conduct of Investigation

The Assembly or its boards may conduct investigations for the consideration of certain issues that arise in the Cantonal relations and in which any deputy, Government member in other words organs or Cantonal Government services took part and for that purpose summon witnesses or gather other evidences.

The procedure of the conduct of investigation pursuant to the previous paragraph is regulated by the Assembly's separate provision.

B) EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY

Article 23.

General provision

The Cantonal executive authority is carried out by the President (hereinafter refers to as: (the President) and the Cantonal Government (hereinafter refers to as: to Cantonal Government).

Article 24.

Cantonal President

The President is elected by the majority votes among candidates proposed by the deputies.

The President is elected for 2 (two) year period and may not be re-elected more than two times consecutively.

Article 25.

Responsibilities of the Cantonal president

The President is responsible for:

- a) appointment and release of the prime Minister, Deputy Prime Ministers and Government members;
- b) nomination of Cantonal Court judges;
- c) representation of the Canton in the country and abroad;
- d) conclusion of contracts and other documents overtaking rights and responsibilities for the Canton, and for the higher value contracts and international cooperation; treaties, the approval of the Assembly., according, to this Constitution must be given;
- e) submission of requests to the Constitutional Court of the Federation as well as the Constitutional Court of BH;
- f) consideration of the reports of Ombudsmen and other international organization for human right protection and the insurance of undertaking necessary measures for the protection of human rights and freedoms-,
- g) providing cooperation with organs of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federation;
- h) deciding on using of police forces under special circumstances and immediate war threat, state of war and extraordinary situations caused by, natural and other catastrophes;
- i) proposing enactment of regulations within the Assembly's jurisdiction;
- j) proposing measures of economic and developing policy of the Canton;
- k) performing other activities defined by this Constitution and other Cantonal regulations.

Article 26.

Cantonal Vice Presidents

Parallel with the election of the president, the Assembly shall elect three vice presidents of the Canton. The vice presidents perform activities within the held decided by the President as well as other activities it defined by a separate regulation on the Government organization.

Article 27.

Cantonal Government

The Government is composed of the Prime Ministers who is the president of the Government, the Deputy Prime Minister and ministers each have a deputy except the Minister without Portfolio.

The composition of the Government reflects national composition of the population in the territory of the Canton, in any case representation of the Bosniaks and Croats must be guaranteed.

The Government is appointed by the President after consultations with the Prime Minister or the candidate for that post and approved by the majority vote of the assembly. Each vacant Governmental post is filled in according the same procedure.

The Government may be dismissed by the president's decision or majority voting non-confidence to the Government.

Article 28.

Government Responsibilities

The Government is responsible for:

- a) implementation of the Cantonal policy, proposing and enforcing laws and other Cantonal regulations;
- b) execution of decisions of each Cantonal and Federal court and performing other responsibilities given to the Canton by the Federal authorities;
- c) preparing and proposing Cantonal budget;
- d) providing cooperation with Ombudspersons;
- e) monitoring investigation and criminal prosecution related to the Cantonal law violation;
- f) monitoring Cantonal police and providing its national composition reflects national structure of the population on the territory of the Canton and that national composition of the Police officers in each municipality reflects national structure of the population of the municipality-
- g) also performing other duties defined by the Federation Constitution, this Constitution and Cantonal laws.

Article 29.

Executive Responsibilities of the Prime Minister and ministers in the Government

The Prime Minister is responsible for:

- a) implementation of the Cantonal policy and enforcement of the Cantonal regulations, including providing execution of the Cantonal and Federal Court decisions;
- b) proposing and giving recommendations within the field of the Cantonal legislation;
- c) giving budget proposals to the Assembly;
- d) other issues defined by the Constitution and the Cantonal laws.

Each minister is responsible for:

- a) implementation of the Cantonal policy and enforcement of the Cantonal regulations within the competencies of his ministry;
- b) proposing and giving recommendations regarding the regulations within the competencies of his ministry or tasks assigned to him by the prime Minister;
- c) managing, coordinating and supervising activities of his ministry;
- d) giving instructions, orders and other implementation documents for the purpose of enforcement of the law within jurisdiction of his ministry and those assigned to him by the prime Minister according to this Constitution and the Cantonal laws;
- e) preparation, information and analyses of the budget proposals within jurisdiction of his ministry or performing other duties at the prime Minister's request;
- f) overall situation in the field ministry including supervision under the regulations within the ministry domain in municipalities;
- g) answering all questions of the Assembly deputies;
- h) performing other duties assigned to him by the prime minister.

Article 30.

Administration Organization

The Governmental organization is defined by the Cantonal law in line with this Constitution.

The overall organization of the Cantonal organization is defined by the Cantonal law in line with principles of administration organization.

Article 31.

Immunity

The President, Vice Presidents, the prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Government members may not be criminally prosecuted or responsible for acts done while per- forming their duties in a civil suit.

C) CANTONAL JUDICIARY

Article 32.

Establishment and Jurisdiction of Courts

The Canton has courts that have original jurisdiction to rule in the matters that are not within municipal court Jurisdiction as well as other jurisdictions defined by the law and which decide by complaints to rulings of municipal courts.

Cantonal courts are established by, the Assembly as general jurisdiction courts or separate courts. The Assembly defines jurisdiction and cantonal court organization by a special regulation.

Article 33.

Election of judges

The Cantonal court judges are elected by the majority vote of the Assembly deputies on the President's proposal.

The Cantonal judges shall be in service by their 70 years of age if they do not resign or be dismissed before that by a consensus of the Federation Supreme Court judges.

The Cantonal courts presidents are elected by the courts themselves.

D) EXPERT BODIES

Article 34.

Establishment and Jurisdiction

For the purpose of expert processing and following of the certain fields within the Cantonal jurisdiction as well as giving expert proposals in those fields the Cantonal expert bodies (expert commissions, boards, expert teams, etc.) can be established.

The Assembly upon the proposal of the President, the President himself and the Government can establish the expert bodies.

Expert bodies jurisdiction, number of members, term of office as well as financing issues are defined by the decision of establishment of the expert bodies.

The expert bodies cannot be established as parallel organs to certain Cantonal ministries or fields within executive jurisdiction of certain ministries, the Government or the President.

V - STATUS OF MUNICIPALITIES

Article 35.

Establishment of Municipalities

In the territory of the Canton several municipalities may be established, as units of the local self-management in accordance with the European Charter on local Self-Management as well as the law and other Federal regulations.

The number and the territorial scope shall be defined by the regulations enacted by the Assembly. In the procedure of municipality establishment it is obligatory to obtain citizens opinion through a referendum in the part of the Canton intended to be formed as a separate municipality.

Article 36.

Competencies of Municipalities

Competencies of municipalities are upraising from their status as units of local self rule, municipalities can have original competencies and competencies which shall be transferred to them from the Canton by a special regulation and according to this Constitution.

Municipalities in the area of Canton can have different competencies depending on a global policy of Canton's functioning and development, and on economical, geographical and other positions of certain municipalities.

In order to insure sufficiency and unity in the functioning of authorities, municipalities are oblige to establish mutual cooperation as well as the cooperation with Canton authorities in performing of their competencies.

Municipalities shall adopt their Statute according to their Constitution and Federation Constitution.

Article 37.

Structure of Authorities within Municipalities

Municipal Councils are performing legislative powers in municipalities, and they are consisting of 9 (nine) up to 35 (thirty live) members, depending on a number of inhabitants. Members of Municipal Councils shall be elected in direct elections by secret voting in the area of the entire municipality. Normally, elections of members of Municipal Councils shall be organized simultaneously with elections for the Assembly.

Executive authority shall be performed by a municipal mayor who shall be elected by Municipal Council upon a proposal of members.

Juridical authority in the municipalities shall be performed by municipal courts. These courts shall be established and financed by the Cantonal Assembly, provided that a court call be established for several municipalities. Judges of municipal courts shall be nominated by a President of the highest cantonal court with consultations with municipal mayor.

VI - FINANCING AND PROPERTY OF CANTON

Article 38.

Financing of Canton

Financing of Cantonal functions shall be performed from duties, taxes and contributions which shall be introduced by the Assembly Financing can be done from other sources, such as subventions of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Federation, encumbers at banks and an- other financial organizations, donations and similar, which shall be decided by special regulations given by the Assembly.

System of public revenues shall be unified in the area of Canton. Municipalities cannot introduce any other duties or other revenues, except in the case of projects for financing of which citizens shall particularly express themselves in the form of referendum. Revenues gained in the area of Canton shall be distributed to Canton and municipalities, proportionally to the level of their realization in certain municipalities, and according to other criteria determined by the Cantonal regulation.

Cantonal functions and the ones of municipalities shall be financed through the budget which shall he passed by the Cantonal Assembly and municipal councils, in compliance with the Canton and Federation regulations.

Article 39.

Property of Canton

Canton can have a mobile property and a real estate. Things, rights and financial means which are acquired by purchasing or on other way, in compliance 'With laws of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federation, shall be considered as the property of Canton.

The Assembly is managing the property of the Canton President and the Government can handle the property within their competencies transferred to them by special regulation of the Assembly.

VII - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Article 40.

Canton can establish the cooperation with other states, international organizations and cities in foreign countries, in compliance to the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Constitution of the Federation and this Constitution.

Canton can sign agreements and other acts on cooperation within the cooperation of the previous paragraph.

Article 41.

Responsibility for Concluding of Agreements

Concluding of agreements and other acts from the field of international cooperation is within President's responsibility.

Agreements and other acts from the field of international relations shall enter into force after their verification at the Assembly.

Agreements and other acts of international character which are giving non repayable assistance or free assistance to the Canton for performing, of its functions are not a subject of verification from previous paragraph, but the President is obliged to inform the Assembly about it on regular basis.

VIII - CHANGES OF CONSTITUTION

Article 42.

Way of Changes of Constitution

Changes on this Constitution shall be done by amendments.

The President, the Government, majority of representatives in the Assembly and Clubs of Representatives can propose amendments to this Constitution.

Proposed amendments cannot be finally considered at the Assembly before the deadline, of two weeks after their first submission, expires. Discussion shall be done within that deadline, and opinions of working bodies of the Assembly, the Government as well as Clubs of Representatives shall be obtained.

Proposed amendments shall be passed by two third majority of total number of representatives in the Assembly.

IX - INTERIM AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 43.

This Constitution shall be passed in the Interim Assembly by two third majority of total number of representatives.

This Constitution shall enter into force on the date of its announcement in the Official Gazette of the Canton.

Article 44.

Interim Assembly of the Canton (hereinafter: Interim Assembly) shall perform the functions of the Assembly until its election and in compliance with this Constitution.

The Interim Assembly shall he formed in such a way that each of nine municipalities mentioned in Article 3 of this Constitution shall elect 5 (five) representatives, each, from its municipal councils.

In the election of representatives of municipalities in the Interim Assembly must be provided that their structure, in the sense political party membership reflects City Assembly political party structure in accordance to the elections of 1990.

First session of the Interim Assembly shall be held after the organization of municipalities according to the Federation Constitution. This session shall be convened by the President of the City Sarajevo Assembly or the oldest representative in that Assembly, who shall handle its work until election of a Chairman of the Interim Assembly.

Interim Assembly shall have all responsibilities, which this Constitution prescribes for the Cantonal Assembly.

Sarajevo City Assembly which has been formed after direct elections in 1990 shall stop its work when the Interim Assembly starts its work.

Article 45.

Interim President and Interim Government of the Canton shall perform executive powers within the period before elections for the Cantonal Assembly.

Interim President shall be elected on a constituting session of the Interim Assembly.

Interim President shall perform its function until elections for the Cantonal Assembly.

Article 46.

Executive Board of Sarajevo City shall continue its work as the Cantonal Government until the Interim Government is formed.

Article 47.

The authorities of the City of Sarajevo shall assist in a realign the new City structure as determined by the Statute of City Sarajevo and the Protocol an the organization of the City of Sarajevo.

Article 48.

Police of the Ministry of Interior shall perform the work of police forces until their establishment, in accordance to this Constitution.

President of the Canton shall agree with the Federation Government and Ministry of Interior of the Federation on performing of their jobs and gradual transfer of police forces of Ministry of Interior of the Federation into police forces of the Canton.

Article 49.

Existing courts established according to laws of Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall perform the work of cantonal and municipal courts until beginning of their work and in accordance to this Constitution. Judges shall be elected on bases of previously obtained approval of the Assembly and until beginning of the work of cantonal and municipal courts after this Constitution enters into force.

Article 51.

The Statute of Sarajevo City and other City regulations shall be adapted, provided that they comply with the Federation Constitution and this Constitution.

No 01-012-37-4/96 March 11,1996 Sarajevo Chairman of the Interim Assembly Prof. Dr. Sefkija Dreca, (personally) On the grounds of article 18, paragraph 1, point a, and article 42, of the Constitution of Sarajevo Canton ("Official Gazette of Sarajevo Canton" No. 1/96, 2/96 - correction, and 3/96- correction) and articles 161. and 162. of the Bylaws of the Sarajevo Canton Assembly ("Official Gazette of Sarajevo Canton" No. 7/96, 10/96, and 6/97) the Assembly of the Sarajevo Canton, on its session held on September 4, 1997, passed the:

AMENDMENTS

I - XIII TO THE SARAJEVO CANTON CONSTITUTION

AMENDMENT I

After article 4, added is the new article 4.a. to read as follows:

"In the Sarajevo Canton, the Municipalities Center, Novi Grad, Novo Sarajevo and Stari Grad comprise the City of Sarajevo (hereinafter referred to as: the City, as an unit of local self-management.

The competence and internal organization of the City is defined by the Statute of the City.

The Statute of the City also defines the issues of critical national interest.

AMENDMENT II

After Article 4.a. inserted is a new article 4.b. as follows:

"The City has a City Council comprised of 24 councilors.

Each municipal council of the municipalities that form the City shall appoint 7 delegates to the City Council from among the Municipal Councilors.

The Bosniaks, Croats and the Others shall each be guaranteed the minimum of 20% of seats in the City Council, regardless of the election results.

If the minimal guarantied number of delegates may not be insured from among the municipal councilors, the delegates may be appointed from the lists of the political parties which participate in municipal councils, on the basis of election results."

AMENDMENT III

In article 18, under (1), the word "municipality' has been replaced with the words "Municipality, City.

AMENDMENT IV

After the Article 18, added is a new article 18.a as follows:

"The Chairman and his Deputy.

The Assembly elects the Chairman and his Deputy from among the appointed delegates. The Chairman and his Deputy shall not be from the same Constitutional nation".

Paragraph 1.of Article 19 is deleted.

AMENDMENT V

In article 23. after the Paragraph 1 added is a new paragraph 2. to read as follows: "There will be fair and appropriate representation of all nations who live within the Canton in all levels of Cantonal Executive authorities".

AMENDMENT VI

Article 26. is changed as follows:

"Vice president of the Canton:

The Assembly shall elect a Vice President of the Canton. The Vice President of the Canton is appointed for a period of two years and can not be elected more than two times in a row to that positions.

The Vice President of the Canton performs all duties as determined by the President of the Canton, as well as other duties as determined by separate cantonal legislation.

The Vice President and the President of the Canton may not be of the same constitutive nationality.

AMENDMENT VII

At the end of article 29, under (f) added are the words "and the City".

AMENDMENT VIII

After article 29, added is a new article 29.a. as follows:

"Minister and Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs and the Minister and Deputy Minister of Housing Policy shall not be appointed from among the same constitutive nation. The Ministers and Deputy Ministers from the previous paragraph shall be liable to

consult each other and work closely together in reaching any important decision".

AMENDMENT IX

In article 31, in the first sentence, the word "vice-presidents' is replaced by "vice-president'.

AMENDMENT X

In article 32, after paragraph 2 added is a new paragraph 3 to read: "There will be a fair and appropriate representation of all nations that live in the Canton on all levels of Cantonal Judicial system".

AMENDMENT XI

In article 37, after paragraph 1. added is a new paragraph 2 to read as follows: "In the level of the municipalities within the Sarajevo Canton, one representative of the second most numerous group of people shall be the chairmen of the Municipal Council under the condition that the group makes at least 10% of the total population of the Municipality".

Paragraphs 2. and 3. of article 37. become paragraphs 3. and 4.

AMENDMENT XII

In article 38, the last paragraph is changed to read:

"The work of the Canton, City and the municipalities is financed from the budget adopted by the Cantonal Assembly, City Council, and municipal councils, separately each, in accordance with the Cantonal and Federal legislation".

AMENDMENT XIII

In articles 42. after paragraph 3. added is the new paragraph 4, to read as follows: "Provision of the Amendment I to this Constitution may not be changed without previously obtained agreement of the representatives of the federal partners and the parties represented in the Cantonal Assembly".

No: 01-023-175/97

Sarajevo, September 4, 1997

Chairman of Sarajevo Canton Assembly Mirsad Keho