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CONSTITUTION OF UNA-SANA CANTON

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On the basis of Article I (I) and 14 of Chapter X of the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton, the Unsko-Sanski Canton Assembly in the transitional period, at the session held on May 27, 1995 passed the following,

DECISION ON THE DECLARATION OF THE UNSKO-SANSKI CANTON ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTION

The Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton, passed by the Unsko-Sanski Canton Assembly in the transitional period at the session of the Unsko-Sanski Canton Assembly on May 27, 1995 is declared.

The Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton comes into force at midnight on May 27,1995.

Number: 01-1/95 May 27, 1995 Bihac The President of the Unsko-Sanski Canton Assembly Adem Boric

Taking, into account the basic human rights, that are not to be violated by any system, affirming freedom as the basic characteristic of human existence and basic human value, which can be limited only by the freedom of other people, starting from freedom as the basic principle of any rule of law, on behalf of the rights of citizens to think freely and choose their view of the world, using other rights and freedoms, trying to establish democratic institutions and 'n the conditions of exposure of the civil population to unprecedented suffering and pain and ethnic cleansing of Bosniacs and Croats, caused by the expression on the Republic of B-H, on the basis of article 4 and 6 a); Chapter V, and in connection with Article 3 4); Chapter IX of the Constitution of the B-H Federation, at the session field on May 27, 1995, the Unsko-Sanski Canton Assembly in the transitional period passed.

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNSKO-SANSKI CANTON

I. ESTABLISHING THE CANTON

Article 1.

Bosniac and Croats as constitutive nations, together with others, and the citizens of the Unsko-Sanski Canton, realizing their sovereign rights, with this Constitution establish and regulate the Unsko-Sanski Canton, in accordance with the Constitution of the Federation.

Article 2.

The Unsko-Sanski Canton is a federal unit of the B-H Federation.

Article 3.

With this Constitution, in accordance with the Constitution of the B-H Federation, authority institutions and the protection of rights and freedom, are ensured, as established by that Constitution.

Article 4.

The composition of all bodies in the Canton has to reflect the national structure of the Canton or Municipality population, if not determined otherwise by the Constitution.

Article 5.

The official name of the Canton is the Unsko-Sanski Canton.

Article 6.

The seat of the Canton is in Bihac.

Article 7.

- 1. The Canton has a coat of arms, flag, seal and other symbols that are decided upon in the Canton Assembly.
- 2. In order to pass the symbols a majority, of votes of the representatives in the Canton Assembly is needed.
- 3. The Canton symbols will be used, parallel to the symbols of the B-H Republic and Federation, in accordance to the Law of the Federation.

II. HUMAN RIGHTS AND BASIC FREEDOMS

Article 1.

The Canton will take any measures needed in order to protect the human rights and freedoms established in Article 1 through 7, Section A, Chapter 11 and instruments of the Annex of the Constitution of the B-H Federation and this Constitutions.

Article 2.

The Canton will specially ensure the conditions for the free return of all refugees into the place of residence in the Canton area from which they fled or were displaced.

Article 3.

- 1. All persons have the right to, in accordance with the Law of the Federation and Canton, have all of then property, returned which was taken away, during the ethnic persecution and to compensation for the property, that is unrecoverable
- 2. All statements made under coercion, as, well as taken obligations, especially those in regard to renouncing the right to land and other property are considered null and void.

Article 4.

All courts, administration bodies, institutions exercising, public authorization and other authority bodies in the Canton will use and respect the rights and freedoms determined in the acts stated in the Annex of the Constitution of the B-H Federation.

Article 5.

All authorized authority, bodies in the Canton will, in the structure of cooperation that is realized by the authorized Federation bodies, cooperate with the international monitoring bodies for human rights established for B-H, as well as supervising bodies established by instruments stated in the Annex of the Constitution of the B-H Federation.

III. COOPERATION WITH THE OMBUDSIMEN

Article 1.

Human rights and freedoms are protected by ombudsmen in accordance with the Constitution of the B-H Federation.

Ombudsmen can question the actions of any institution or person the Canton that has negated human dignity, rights of freedom, including ethnic Persecution or maintaining its consequences.

Article 2.

- 1. The authority bodies in the Canton are obligated to enable undisturbed realization of ombudsmen authority that is determined by the Constitution of the B-H Federation and this Constitution, and with that objective they will especially:
- a. to enable access to all official document, including secret, judicial and administrative papers;
- b. to ensure the cooperation of any person, including every clerk, in providing needed information, documents and papers;
- c. to ensure access and control of all places where persons deprived of their freedom are detained or where they work;
- d. to enable presence at judicial and administrative processes as well as at meetings of other bodies:
- 2. Ombudsmen are independent in performing their authority and no authority body or any other person in the Canton cannot interfere in those authorities.

Article 3.

The authority bodies and institutions in the Canton are obligated to review the report delivered by the ombudsmen and respond within the determined deadline.

IV. SPHERE OF ACTION OF THE CANTON

Article 1.

The Canton has all authorities that is not strictly given to federal authorities by the Constitution of the B-H Federation or that is not determined as joint authorization of the Federation and Canton by the Constitution of the B-H Federation.

Article 2.

Unless otherwise determined by the Constitution, the Canton is authorized to:

- a. establish and supervise a police force, which will have unitary federal uniforms with cantonal insignia;
- b. determine the educational policy, including the passing of regulations on education and ensuring education;
- c. determine and enforce cultural policies;
- d. determine housing policy, including the passing of regulations related to regulating and building housing facilities;
- e. determine the policy related to regulating and securing public services;
- f. pass regulations on local land usage, including zoning;
- g. pass regulations on improving, local business and charities;
- h. pass regulations on local facilities for producing energy, and ensure their accessibility;
- i. determine the policy related to ensuring radio and TV, including the passing of regulations on their work and building;
- j. carry out social policies and establish social protection services;
- k. create and apply cantonal tourism, development of tourist resources
- 1. finance the activities of the cantonal authorities or its agencies with taxes, debts or other means;
- m. perform other authorities determined by the Constitution and Law of the B-H Federation and the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton.

Article 3.

The Canton and federal authority, in accordance with the Constitution of the B-H Federation are authorized for:

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

Article 4.

- 1. In accordance with needs, the authorization from the Article can be realized jointly or separately or by the Canton and coordinated by the federal authorities.
- 2. The principle of realization of the authorization is agreed upon between the Canton and the federal authority on a permanent basis
- 3. In performing these authorities, in accordance with the Constitution of the B-H Federation and Canton, the Canton will contact the intercantonal council for coordination of solving intercantonal issues and for the consistent solving of issues related to interests outside their cantonal borders and will implement decisions, participate in deciding, and, when necessary recommend decisions in legislative bodies. The Canton will establish policies and implement laws that are related to every one of these authorities.

Article 5.

The Canton will, while performing its authorities, take into account the national structure of the population in each municipality, and when determined by the Constitution and Law of the B-H Federation and Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton, it will as well take into account the national structure of the Canton as a whole.

Article 6.

- 1. The Canton will legally delegate its authorities on the federal authority or to municipalities on its territory in accordance with the Constitution of the B-H Federation and Unsko-Sanski Canton.
- 2. The Law on delegating the authorities of the Canton on the federal authorities is passed by the Canton assembly with a two-third majority of votes of all representatives.

Article 7.

- 1. In the process of passing the regulations that are related to the local self- administration, the Canton will in an appropriate way consult the municipal authorities.
- 2. The Canton authorities will ensure sources for financing the municipalities for the delegated authority.
- 3. The Canton authority will administratively supervise the work of the municipal authority in performing the defecated authorities.

Article 8.

The Canton can, in accordance with the Constitution of the B-H Federation and Unsko-Sanski Canton, conclude agreements with other states and international organizations.

Article 9.

- 1. The Canton can, together with other cantons that have Bosniac majority, establish a council for coordinating policies and authorities related to the issues of common interest for the community and to inform their representatives in the Dom Naroda (House of the People)
- 2. The Canton can establish coordinating bodies, as committees and work groups, for the exchange of information and coordinating cantonal activity while performing their authorities, but cannot include military or political agreements.

V. STRUCTURE OF THE CANTONAL GOVERNMENT

A. LEGISLATIVE POWER OF THE CANTON

CANTON ASSEMBLY

I General regulations

Article 1.

The legislative body of the Canton is the Canton Assembly, consisting of a single house

Article 2.

- 1. The Canton Assembly consists of 50 representatives
- 2. The national structure of the representatives of the Canton Assembly reflects the national structure of the Canton population.

Article 3.

Representatives in the Canton Assembly, have a two-year mandate.

Article 4.

- 1. The representatives in the Canton Assembly are elected by the voters at democratic and direct elections, by secret ballot, on the whole Canton territory. Every voter has the right to vote for any of the registered parties.
- 2. Before every election, every registered party, announces a candidate election list Representatives will be chosen from the top of the party list according to the received votes: replacements for the representatives are provided for from the remaining people on the list
- 3. Every voter can be elected as a representative to the Canton Assembly

Article 5.

The Canton Assembly will convene no later than ten days after the election results are officially released.

Article 6.

The Canton Assembly has a President and his Deputy.

Article 7.

The Canton Assembly, sessions are public, except in exceptional circumstances determined by its rules of procedure, and publishes reports about its sessions and decisions

Article 8.

- 1. Criminal proceedings or civil suit cannot be initiated against representatives of the Canton Assembly or can a representative be held in detention or be sanctioned in any other way for an expressed opinion or given vote in the Canton Assembly.
- 2. The Canton Assembly representative cannot be held in detention or apprehended without prior consent of the Canton Assembly.

Article 9.

Cantonal laws come into force as determined In them, but not before then, are published in the official cantonal gazette.

2. Sphere of action of the Canton Assembly

Article 10.

The Canton Assembly:

- a. prepares, passes and announces the Constitution of 'the Unsko-Sanski Canton, amendments to the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton and the Constitutional Law of the Unsko-Sanski Canton;
- b. passes the laws of the Canton;
- c. elects and replaces the President of the Canton Assembly and his Deputy among its representatives;
- d. elects and replaces the Canton President;
- e. confirms the appointment of the Canton Government and the falling of every free seat in the Government;
- f. establishes and determines the sphere of action of courts in the Canton;
- g. elects judges for the courts in the Canton;
- h. reviews the ombudsmen reports;
- i. passes the Canton budget and laws on taxing and ensures funds in other necessary ways;
- j. elects delegates into the Dom Naroda of the Federation Parliament, in accordance to the Constitution and Law of the B-H Federation and Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton:
- k. decides upon the delegation of Canton powers to federal and municipal authorities,
- 1. decides upon the establishment of Canton Council together with other cantons that have Bosniac majority;
- m. approves the conclusion of international agreements with states and international organizations in accordance to the Constitution of the B-H Federation and Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton;
- n. determines the policy and passes regulations related to the coordination of solving intercantonal issues;
- o. conducts investigations and for that purpose can demand testimonies, evidence and documents, not interfering with judicial powers;
- p. passes the Canton Assembly rules of procedure;
- q. passes other regulations related to cantonal powers;
- r. performs other duties that are delegated to it by the Constitution and Law of the BIH Federation and Unsko-Sanski Canton and the rules of procedure of the Canton Assembly.

4. Decision-making in the Canton Assembly

Article 11.

Two-thirds of all Canton Assembly representatives must be present at the Canton Assembly session in order for a decision to be reached.

Article 12.

Decisions in the Canton Assembly are passed by a majority vote from the total number of present representatives in the Canton Assembly, unless otherwise determined by the Constitution of the BiH Federation, the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton or the Rules of Procedure of the Canton.

B. EXECUTIVE POWER OF THE CANTON

1. The Canton President

Article 1.

The Canton President represents the Canton.

Article 2.

The Canton President is elected with a majority vote of representative in the Canton Assembly between the candidates proposed by the representatives.

Article 3.

The Canton President has a two-year mandate and cannot be elected more than mice in a row.

Article 4.

- 1. If the Canton President violates his oath or becomes unworthy, for performing that function, he can be replaced with a two-third-majority vote of representatives in the Canton Assembly.
- 2. If the Canton President position remains unoccupied, the Canton Assembly will elect a new President within 30 days.
- 3. In the case from Paragraph (2) of this Article, as well as when the Canton President is temporary unable to perform his duty the President of the Canton Assembly will act as the Canton President until a new Canton President is elected or the reasons for inability to perform his duty cease.

Article 5.

The Canton President is authorized to:

- a. appoint and replace the Canton Government;
- b. proposes the judges for the Canton court;
- c. with a decision announces the Canton laws;
- d. signs and ratifies international agreements on behalf of the Canton in concordance with the Parliament of the Federation;
- e. grants pardons for the acts determined in the Canton laws, except in the cases of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide;
- f. files request, to the Constitutional Court of the Federation, in accordance with the Constitution of the B-H Federation and the Unsko-Sanski Canton;
- g. reviews ombudsmen reports and ensures the conditions of their work;
- h. concerns themselves with cooperation with the Federation bodies;
- i. performs other duties determined by the Constitution of the B-H Federation and the Unsko-Sanski Canton

Article 6.

- 1. The Canton President and the Canton Prime Minister are mutually responsible of implementing the cantonal policies.
- 2. The Canton President informs the Canton Assembly about the implementation of the cantonal policies determined in the decision and regulations of the Canton Assembly, and in regard of that propose the review of certain issues and the passing of decisions to the Canton Assembly.

Article 7.

- 1. When the Canton President determines that the Canton Assembly is unable to pass certain laws, he can dismiss the Canton Assembly, but not within one year of its first session.
- 2. The Canton President dismisses the Canton Assembly; when it falls to pass the budget before the start of a budget year.

2. The Canton Government

Article 8.

- 1. The Canton Government consists of the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Ministers
- 2. The Canton Government reflects the national structure of the Canton population as a whole, and that in any ensures the representation of the constitutive nations.
- 3. The Deputy Prime Minister of the Government is a Croat.

Article 9.

- 1. The Canton Government is appointed by the Canton President after consulting with the Prime Minister or the candidate for that function, and approved by majority vote in the Canton Assembly.
- 2. Every unoccupied position in the Canton Government is filled by the same procedure.

Article 10.

- 1. The Canton Government can be replaced by the decision of the Canton President or by a vote of no confidence with a majority vote in the Canton Assembly
- 2. The Canton President replaces ministers at the proposal of the Canton Prime Minister.

Article 11.

- 1. The Canton Government organization is determined by Canton Law in accordance to the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton.
- 2. The Canton Law, in accordance with principles of the administration organization determined by the Federation Parliament will determine the Canton administration organization.

Article 12.

The Canton Government is authorized to:

- a. implement cantonal policies, propose and execute Canton Laws and other regulations;
- b. execute the decisions of every Canton court or Federal court and perform any other duty delegated to the Canton by the Federation;
- c. prepare and propose the Canton budget;
- d. ensure the cooperation of the Canton Government and ombudsmen;
- e. perform supervision over the investigation and criminal prosecution related to the violation of Canton laws;
- f. supervise the Canton police force and ensure that the national structure of the police force reflects the national structure of the population of the Canton, so that the national structure of every municipal police force reflects the national structure in that municipality;

g. performs duties determined by the Constitution and Law of the B-H Federation and Unsko-Sanski Canton

Article 13.

- 1. The Canton Government is authorized, in cases determined by the regulations of the Federation, or in cases of exceptional conditions in the Canton (epidemic, flood, fire, earthquake and such), pass legally binding regulations, when the Canton Assembly is unable to do so.
- 2. Every decree will have legal power and it cannot derogate the rights and freedoms defined in the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton.
- 3. Every decree will become null and void within 30 days from its publication, or before if the Canton Assembly declares it null and void or within 10 days if the Canton Assembly is in session at the moment of its publication.
- 4. After the deadline of the validity of the decree expires, it cannot be prolonged, reposed or partly changed without the decision of the Canton assembly and its consent.

Article 14.

The Canton Prime Minister is responsible for:

- a. implementing policies and the execution of cantonal regulations, including ensuring the execution of the decisions made by Canton courts.
- b. proposing and giving recommendations from the field of cantonal legislation;
- c. preparing budget proposals to the Canton Assembly;
- d. other issues determined by the Constitution and Law of the Unsko-Sanski Canton.

Article 15.

Every minister is responsible for:

- a. implementing cantonal policies and executing cantonal regulations from the structure of the powers of the ministry or executing tasks set forth by the Canton Prime Minister;
- b. proposing and giving recommendations related to the regulations from the structure of the powers of its ministry or according to the task set forth by the Canton Prime Minister;
- c. directing, coordinating and supervising the activity of his ministry;
- d. giving directions, instructions, orders and passing regulations in order to enable laws to be executed from the powers of their ministry and those set forth by, the Cantonal Prime Minister in accordance with the Constitution Law of the Unsko-Sanski Canton;
- e. preparing informing and analyzing budget proposals from the domain of their ministry or performing other tasks at the request of the Canton Prime Minister;
- f. answering questions of representatives in the Canton Assembly from the domain of their ministry or performing any other task entrusted to him by the Canton Prime Minister:
- g. help the Canton Prime Minister in implementing policies and executing the laws of the Canton.

3. Immunity

Article 16.

1. The Canton President, the Canton Prime Minister and ministers cannot be criminally prosecuted or be held responsible in civil proceedings for any act committed in performing their function.

2. An official from Paragraph (1) of this Article can not be detained or apprehended without the prior consent of the Canton Assembly.

C. CANTON JUDICIAL POWER

1. General regulations on the Canton courts

Article 1.

The judicial power in the Canton is independent and separate and works on the basis of the Constitution, and law of the B-H Federation and Constitution and Law of the Unsko-Sanski Canton.

Article 2.

The courts in the Canton ensure an equal position to all sides in judicial proceedings.

Article 3.

All judicial proceedings are public, unless the law specifies otherwise for exceptional circumstances. All verdicts are publicly revealed.

Article 4.

The judicial function in the Canton is performed by the Canton courts and municipal courts.

Article 5.

The national structure of the Canton courts, as a whole must reflect the national structure of the Canton population and municipal national structure of the population from the municipality.

Article 6.

- 1. The Canton Assembly can, in accordance with federal laws, pass additional regulations on the organization and administration of the courts in the Canton.
- 2. In accordance with the rules from Paragraph (1) of this Article, every court determines its internal organization and in that regard passes additional regulations.

Article 7.

The number of judges of every court in the Canton is set by Canton laws as needed.

Article 8.

- 1. The court judge in the Canton cannot be criminally prosecuted or held responsible in civil proceedings for any act committed in performing their judicial function.
- 2. The court judge in the Canton cannot be detained or apprehended without the prior consent of the Presiding Judge of the highest Canton court.
- 3. The Presiding Judge of the highest court in the Canton cannot be detained or apprehended without the prior consent of the session of that court.

2. Canton Courts

Article 9.

The highest court of the Canton is the cantonal court of the Unsko-Sanski Canton.

Article 10.

Other cantonal courts can be established as per the cantonal laws.

Article 11.

The cantonal courts are authorized to:

- a. decide in the first decree in criminal and civil affairs as determined by the Canton laws;
- b. decides on appeals to the decision of regional courts;
- c. decides in cases determined by the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton;
- d. performs other duties determined by the Canton laws.

Article 12.

- 1. The decisions of the Canton courts reached on the appeals to the decisions of regional courts are definite and obligatory, unless they deal with constitutional matters, laws and other regulations of the Federation.
- 2. Verdicts as well as decisions of the Cantonal court that are related to appeals filed to regional courts as per Para (I) of this Article are especially obligatory for the sides in the proceedings, as well as for the court on whose decisions the appeal was filed.

Article 13.

The Cantonal court judges are proposed by the Canton President from the ranks of honorable attorneys, and elected by the Canton Assembly with a majority vote of Canton Assembly representatives.

Article 14.

- 1. The Cantonal court judges will serve until they are 70 years of age, if they do not resign nor replaced with the consensus of the High Court judges.
- 2. The conditions of the service will be defined in Canton laws.
- 3. Wages and other compensations of the judges cannot be reduced during their service in the Cantonal court.
- 4. For the Presiding Judge Cantonal court, additional compensation can be determined.

Article 15.

The Cantonal court elects a Presiding Judge of the court from the ranks of its judges in accordance with the law.

Article 16.

The powers of the Cantonal court and other courts of the Canton are determined with the Canton law, in accordance with the Constitution and Law of the B-H Federation and Constitution and Law of the Unsko-Sanski Canton.

VI. MUNICIPAL POWERS

1. General regulations

Article 1.

- In performing their powers, every municipality:
- a. undertakes all necessary measures in order to ensure the protection of rights and freedoms determined in Articles I through 7 Section A, Chapter N. of the Constitution of the B-H Federation and instruments mentioned in the Annex;
- b. takes into account the national structure of the population in the municipality.

Article 2.

- 1. The municipality has local self-administration.
- 2. Local self-administration is achieved in the municipalities in performing the duties determined in the Canton laws in accordance with the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton and principles of local self-administration determined by the federal legislature.

Article 3.

- 1. The municipality has a statute.
- 2. The statute of the municipality and other regulations have to be in accordance with the Constitution and Law of the B-H Federation and Constitution and Law of the Unsko-Satiski Canton.

Article 4.

- (1) The term of the members of the municipal council is two years, and the term of the first members of the municipality is one year.
- (2) Municipal councilors will democratically be chosen at direct and secret elections in the whole area of the municipality.
- (3) Every voter has the right to vote for any registered party.
- (4) Every party will receive the number of council seats proportionally to the percent of votes received out of the total number of votes.
- (5) Every voter can be elected a municipal councilor.

2. Municipal council

Article 5.

The municipal council:

- a. prepares, and passes the municipal statute with a two-third majority vote
- b. elects and replaces the municipal prefect;
- c. passes the municipal budget and regulations on taxing and in other ways ensures the needed funds not ensured by the Federation and the Canton;
- d. passes the rule of procedures about its work;
- e. passes other regulation as well in the implementation of municipal powers.

Article 6.

1. The municipal council has a President.

2. The President of the municipal council is elected in way and by the procedure determined in the municipal statute.

Article 7.

The municipal council convenes in public, except in exceptional cases foreseen in the rules of procedure, and writes reports on the decisions reached.

Article 8.

- 1. Criminal proceedings or a civil suit cannot be initiated against a member of the municipal council nor can a member of the municipal council be held in detention or sanctioned for his opinion and vote in the municipal council.
- **2.** A municipal council member cannot be detained or apprehended without the prior consent of the municipal council.

Article 9.

Municipality regulations come into force as prescribed in them, but not before published in the official gazette of the municipality.

3. Municipal Prefect

Article 10.

- 1. Every municipality has a municipal prefect.
- 2. The municipal prefect represents the municipality.

Article 11.

- 1. The municipality prefect is elected by the municipal council amongst several candidates on the basis of the pro-ram submitted by the candidate.
- 2. The municipal council will enable the presentation of the candidates and their programs to the citizens of the municipality.
- 3. Regulations on the election of the municipal prefect are specified in the municipal statute.

Article 12.

The municipality prefect is authorized to:

- a. implement municipal policies, execute municipal regulations and delegate duties to the municipality
- b. ensure the cooperation of municipal clerks with the ombudsmen;
- c. report to the municipal council and the about the implementation of the municipal policies and about his activities;
- d. deal with organizing the municipal administration;
- e. direct work of municipal services arid municipal clerks;
- f. appoint and replace municipal clerks;
- g. consult for the election of judges of the municipal court;
- h. prepare proposals be considered by the municipal council;
- i. perform other duties determined by the law and the statute of the municipality.

Article 13.

The municipal prefect council enjoys immunity while he performs his function as a member of the municipal council.

4. Municipal Courts

Article 14.

- 1. Municipal courts are established by the Canton law.
- 2. The municipal court is established for the area of the municipality.
- 3. A single municipal court can be established for two or more municipality.
- 4. The municipal courts are financed from the Canton budget.

Article 15.

Municipal court have original authority for all civil and criminal matters, unless the Constitution or Law of the B-H Federation and the Constitution or Law of the Unsko-Sanski Canton transferred par of that original authority to another court.

Article 16.

Municipal court judges are appointed by the Presiding Judge of the Cantonal court, after consultations with the municipal prefect, in accordance with the Canton law.

Article 17.

- 1. Municipal court judges will serve until they reach 70 years of age or resign, or are replaced with the consensus of all Cantonal court judges.
- 2. The conditions of the service will be defined in the Canton law.
- 3. Wages and other compensation for the judges cannot be reduced during their service in the municipal courts.

VII. INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

Article 1.

- 1. The Canton makes international agreements, within its sphere of action and in accordance with the Constitution of the B-H Federation and the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton.
- 2. Agreements from Paragraph (1) of this Article come in to force in the Canton only when approved by the Canton Assembly, unless otherwise determined by the law or international law.
- 3. In case of any dispute between the international agreement and the law of the Federation or the Canton, international law will be applied which is an integral part of the Federation's legislature.

Article 2.

The Canton President can, acting on the decision made by the Canton Assembly or at the advice of the Prime Minister, terminate international agreements if permitted by, international law and is obligated to do so when requested by the authorized federal body.

VIII. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Article 1.

- 1. Amendments to the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton can be proposed by the Canton President, Canton Government, and the majority of representatives in the Canton Assembly
- 2. A proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton will not be finally discussed in the Canton Assembly before the two-weeks term expires from the day it was first proposed.
- 3. A proposed amendment is passed in the manner and procedure determined for passing the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton.

Article 2.

No amendment to the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton can ever abolish, or reduce any of the rights and freedoms determined in Articles I through 5, chapter II. of the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton or change this Article of this Constitution.

IX. LEGALITY AND CONSTITUTIONALITY

Article 1.

This Constitution has to be in accordance with the Constitution of the B-H Federation.

Article 2.

Laws, other regulations and general acts in the Canton have to be in accordance with this Constitution, in other words the Constitution and Law of the B-H Federation.

Article 3.

Individual acts and authority body's work in the Canton, and single acts of the institutions that perform public duties, must be based on the law or other regulations passed on the basis of the law.

X. PASSING AND COMING TO FORCE OF THE CONSTITUTION AND TRANSITIONAL SOLUTIONS

Article 1.

- 1. The Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton will be passed and announced by the Canton Assembly in the transitional period, which consists of five trustees from every municipal assembly elected in accordance with Article 3 (4), chapter IX. of the Constitution of the B-H Federation.
- 2. Passing of the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton demands a two-third majority vote of representatives in the Canton Assembly in the transitional period.
- 3. The manner of operation of the Canton Assembly in the transitional period for the passing of the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton is more closely defined in the Rules of Procedure of the Canton Assembly in the transitional period for the passing of the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton.

Article 2.

Until the first session of the Canton Assembly, the function and powers of the Canton Assembly, determined in chapter V, Section A, of the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton, are performed by the Canton Assembly in the transitional period.

Article 3.

- 1. When the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton comes into force, the Canton Assembly in the transitional period elects the Canton President in the transitional period.
- 2. The Canton President in the transitional period subsequently appoints the Canton Government in the transitional period and proposes to the Canton Assembly judges for the Cantonal court in the transitional period using the provisions of Article 9, Section B, Chapter V and Article 13, Section C, Chapter V, of the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton.

Article 4.

The Canton Assembly in the transitional period, 10 days from the day the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton comes into force, will elect all other bodies in the transitional period in accordance with the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton and the Constitution of the B- H Federation.

Article 5.

The Canton President, Canton Government members and other Canton officials in the transitional period perform duties of the respective permanent officials in accordance with the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton, until they are replaced with the permanent officials elected or appointed in accordance to this Constitution.

Article 6.

- Trustees in every municipal assembly elected in 1990, whose term is still valid, elect municipal bodies in the transitional period in accordance with the Constitution of the B-H Federation and this Constitution.
- 2. Municipal bodies from Paragraph (I) of this Article perform the duties of respective permanent municipal bodies determined in this Constitution until the election of municipal bodies in accordance with the Constitution and Law of the B-H Federation
- 3. In municipality completely under temporary occupation of the aggressor, only the municipal council is established and municipal prefect elected, with a temporary seat in the Canton area.
- 4. In the case from the previous paragraph the municipal council and the municipal prefect perform special powers connected to the creation of conditions and organizing the work of the municipality on its territory and realizing cooperation with the authorized bodies of the Federation, Canton and municipality on taking care of the displaced citizens and creating the conditions for their return to the place of residence from which they fled or were displaced.

Article 7.

- 1. Elections for the Canton Assembly and the municipal council will be held within the deadline determined by the Constitution of the B-H Federation and the Law of the Federation.
- 2. Within two weeks after the first calling, the Canton Assembly will elect the Canton President.

- 3. Within two weeks after the Canton President election, the Canton President will name the Canton Government and propose Canton judges to the Canton Assembly.
- 4. The Canton Assembly will urgently decide on the proposals from the previous paragraph in accordance with the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton.

Article 8.

No person correlated for war crimes or against whom court proceedings for war crimes have been initiated can be elected or appointed for any Canton public function

Article 9.

All laws passed by the Canton Assembly in the transitional period and municipal regulations passed by the municipal council in the transitional period will remain in force five months after the Canton Assembly or municipal council meet for the first time, except if those bodies do not confirm them.

Article 10.

All persons in state positions in the Canton on the day this Constitution comes into force will remain in position until they are relieved of their duty with an appropriate law or function is terminated.

Article 11.

The results of the 1991, census will be used for the calculations required by the Constitution and Law of the B-H Federation.

Article 12.

All proceeding as in courts, bodies exercising public authority in the Canton territory, on the day when the Constitution comes to force will be continued or transferred to other courts, bodies established by the Constitution of the Unsko-Sanski Canton and in accordance with the Law of the Federation and the Canton which determine the sphere of action of those courts and bodies.

Article 13.

Funds, documentation, equipment, and workers of bodies which stop functioning will be taken over by the appropriate body in the Canton in accordance with the Constitution and Law of the B-H Federation.

Article 14.

This Constitution comes into force on midnight in May 27, 1995.

Number: 01-1/9 May 27, 1995 Bihac The President of the Unsko-Sanski Canton Assembly Adem Boric