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Having in mind the provisions of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina (GFAP), and in particular Annexes 2 and 10 thereof;

Taking into consideration the arbitration proceedings for the Brcko area which have occurred under Article V of Annex 2 of the GFAP and have now been concluded through the issuance of the Final Award by the Presiding Arbitrator;

Noting that the Final Award requires that a special governmental regime must be established for the Brcko area, as a unit of local self-government existing under the sovereignty of Bosnia and Herzegovina;

Desiring to act in furtherance of my powers as High Representative, as expressed in Annex 10 of the GFAP and elaborated in Declarations and Conclusions of the Peace Implementation Council;

I issue the following

Decision

1. The Brcko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be created, as further specified in the Order of the Supervisor and Deputy High Representative for Brcko dated March 8, 2000 and the Statute of the Brcko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter "the Statute").

2. The Statute shall forthwith be published in the Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Official Gazettes of the Entities. Upon the establishment of the Official Gazette of the Brcko District, the Statute shall also be published in that medium.

3. Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Entities, shall take all necessary measures to effectuate the establishment of the Brcko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina and to enable full development of the governmental functions of the District, including the fulfillment of their financial obligations, as specified in the Final Award.

Done at Sarajevo, on the 8th day of March 2000.

Wolfgang Petritsch
High Representative

Office of the High Representative