# OHR Chronology Jan-Dec 1996

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### 1996

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### January

**10 January**
First meeting of Joint Civilian Commission (JCC), chaired by Carl Bildt, Sarajevo

**15 January**
International conference on elections in BiH, Stockholm

**17 January**
First meeting of Major Implementation Agencies, chaired by Mr. Bildt, Brussels

**24 January**
First meeting of Joint Interim Commission (JIC), chaired by Mr. Bildt, Sarajevo

**29 January**
Meeting of the Human Rights Task Force in Brussels

**31 January**
Hasan Muratovic replaces Haris Silajdzic as BiH Prime Minister

### February

**1 February**
First session of the Provisional Election Commission (PEC) set up by the OSCE

**3 February**

Transfer from one entity to the other of areas specified in the GFAP, notably around Sarajevo and “the anvil” around Mrkonjic Grad (D+45)

**17-18 February**

Rome meeting on implementation involving the Contact Group and the three Presidents of Bosnia, Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

**24 February**

Transfer of police and civil authority to the Federation in Vogosca, Sarajevo

# March

**4 March**

International meeting on Human Rights in BiH, Vienna

**5 March**

Meeting of PIC Steering Board, Brussels

**14 March**

Carl Bildt sends his first report to the UNSC

**16 March**

Third Meeting of the Joint Interim Commission

**18 March**

- Geneva meeting of Contact Group and the three Presidents
- Transfer of police and civil authority in final Sarajevo suburbs including Grbavica

**21 March**

First Meeting of the Commission on Real Property for Displaced Persons and Refugees , Sarajevo

**23 March**

Moscow meeting of Contact Group and three Foreign Ministers

**12-13 March**

Brussels conference on Economic Reconstruction

# April

**3 April**
Carl Bildt reports to UNSC in New York
**13 April**
Second EU/World Bank Donors' Conference for BiH in Brussels, boycotted by the RS. Pledges made: $ 1.3 billion
**24 April**
Meeting of PIC Steering Board, Sarajevo
**25 April**
Federation Forum, Petersberg, Bonn

# May

**6 May**
Carl Bildt opens OHR office in Banja Luka
**14 May**
Federation Forum, Washington
**18 May**
Gojko Klickovic replaces Rajko Kasagic as RS Prime Minister
**22 May**
First pledging conference for Open Broadcast Network: Brussels
**24 May**

- Appointment of Local Election Commissions
- PIC Steering Board: Paris

# June

**2 June**
Geneva meeting of Contact Group and three Presidents
**4 June**

Contact Group Ministerial in Berlin

**13-14 June**

Peace Implementation Review Conference, Florence

**14 June**

Deadline for registration of political parties

**27 June**

Federation Forum, Sarajevo

**28-29 June**

G7/8 Lyon Summit: demand for Mr. Karadzic to leave political office

**30 June**

- City elections in Mostar
- Release of Karadzic letter to Carl Bildt confirming resignation from public office. Biljana Plavsic to be acting President of RS

# July

**10 July**

Carl Bildt sends his second report to the UNSC

**19 July**

- Start of BiH election campaign
- Richard Holbrooke brokers deal for Karadzic to step down from Party offices
- First meeting of OBN Governing Council, OHR Brussels

**25 July**

PEC extends out-of-country registration to 5 August (and later to 8 August)

**30 July**

PIC Steering Board: Brussels

**31 July**

Carl Bildt reports to UNSC in New York

# August

**12 August**
Contact Group meeting in Brussels

**14 August**

- Contact Group meeting in Geneva with three Presidents
- Ivan Prskalo appointed Mayor of Mostar

**27 August**
Amb. Frowick of OSCE announces postponement of municipal elections

**29 August**
Violent clashes between Bosniaks and RS police in the village of Mahala, BiH

**31 August**
Formal deadline for dissolution of “Herceg-Bosna”

# September

**5 September**
Meeting of the PIC Steering Board in Brussels

**5-12 September**
Sir Arthur Watts conducts 4th round of discussions on succession issues meeting separately with delegations of all five States, Brussels

**7 September**

- Contact Group meeting in Frankfurt
- Open Broadcast Network, BiH’s first independent, cross-entity TV network, goes on air

**7-8 September**
Informal meeting of EU Foreign Ministers in Tralee, Ireland

**9 September**
Ministers of Interior Avdo Hebib for the Federation and

Dragan Kijac, for the RS, decide on 19 “voters’ routes” across the IEBL as recommended passage for transportation of voters on election day.

**14 September**

Bosnia-wide elections for BiH Presidency, the House of Representatives of BiH, the Presidency of RS, the National Assembly of RS, the House of Representatives of the Federation and the Cantonal Assemblies in the Federation of BiH

**16 September**

- Preliminary Statement by the Coordinator for International Monitoring (CIM), Eduard van Thijn, expresses satisfaction with technical aspects of the elections.
- Prijedor Chief of Police, Simo Drljaca, and IFOR troops exchange gunfire

**21-22 September**

Bosniaks enter the village of Jusici in the ZOS

**24 September**

Second Statement by the Coordinator for International Monitoring (CIM), Eduard van Thijn, confirms general satisfaction with the conduct of the elections.

**25 September**

Contact Group Ministerial level meeting, New York

**26 September**

Carl Bildt briefs the UN Security Council in New York

**29 September**

PEC certifies the results of the 14 September multi-party elections in BiH – official results reveal that Alija Izetbegovic, Kresimir Zubak and Momcilo Krajisnik will form the three member BiH Presidency. Izetbegovic, with most votes, serves as Chairman.

**30 September**

First meeting of the newly elected members of the BiH Presidency, Saraj Hotel Sarajevo

# October

**1 October**

- The UN Security Council formally lifts remaining sanctions imposed on FRY
- Carl Bildt submits his third report to the UN Secretary-General

**2 October**

PIC Steering Board, Sarajevo

**3 October**

- Meeting between Presidents Izetbegovic and Milosevic, Paris
- Bosniaks in Jusici agree to abide by procedures for safe and orderly return to the village

**4 October**

- OBN Governing Council Meeting, Brussels
- Ambassador Frowick announces that municipal elections will be held from 22-24 November

**5 October**

Inauguration Ceremony of the Presidency and of the House of Representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly, National Theatre, Sarajevo – Izetbegovic and Zubak sign the "Solemn Declaration" – RS Presidency member, Momcilo Krajisnik fails to attend

**10 October**

Contact Group Meeting, London

**14-15 October**

Sir Arthur Watts meets in plenary session with delegations of all five States, Brussels

**15 October**

- UN IPTF formally takes over from the Western European Union police the responsibility for monitoring police in Mostar
- New Procedures for the return to ZOS are devised

by UNHCR, working with OHR, IFOR and IPTF

**19 October**

Inaugural session of the newly elected RS National Assembly, Banja Luka

**21-22 October**

Political Directors of France, Germany, Italy and the UK visit Sarajevo for meetings with members of the BiH Presidency

**22 October**

- BiH Presidency Meeting, National Museum, Sarajevo – RS Presidency member Momcilo Krajisnik signs the "Solemn Declaration"
- Ambassador Frowick announces postponement of municipal elections – new timeframe being considered between April and June 1997

**23 October**

Carl Bildt briefs the North Atlantic Council, Brussels – also meets with SACEUR, General Joulwan, at SHAPE to discuss deployment of LANDCENT

**23 and 25 October**

Federation Special Group Meetings – agreements reached on flag, coat of arms and future organisation of Sarajevo

**25 October**

- BiH Presidency Meeting, Lukavica, Sarajevo(4th meeting – 3rd working session)
- 2nd session of the BiH Presidency, Lukavica, Sarajevo

**27 October**

Ambassador Steiner visits Prijedor and Drvar – sites of recent destruction of homes

**29 October**

- Sir Martin Garrod writes to Federation President Zubak expressing grave concern about the situation in Mostar
- 3rd Session of the BiH Presidency, National

Museum, Sarajevo

**30 October**

- Sarajevo Cantonal Assembly meeting
- Three Personal Representatives of the BiH Presidency meet at OHR to discuss detention issues

## November

**1 November**
4th session of the BiH Presidency, National Museum, Sarajevo
**3 November**
1st elections in FRY since the end of the war
**5 November**
5th session of the BiH Presidency, Lukavica, Sarajevo
**6 November**
Both Houses of the Federation Assembly hold constituent sessions, Sarajevo
**7 November**

- PIC Steering Board Meeting, Brussels
- IFOR Commander Admiral Joseph Lopez formally hands over duties to General William Crouch, Sarajevo Airport
- Human Rights Task Force Meeting

**8 November**
6th session of the BiH Presidency, Sarajevo
**11 November**

- Contrary to agreed measures, several hundred Bosniaks from the Celic area cross the IEBL into Gajevi resulting in violent reactions from RS police.
- Dayton Property Commission for Real Property

Claims of Displaced Persons and Refugees begins processing claims Sarajevo, Lukavica and Mostar

**12 November**
7th session of the BiH Presidency
**12-13 November**
Sir Arthur Watts meets in plenary session with delegations of all five States, Brussels
**14 November**

- Ministerial level PIC Steering Board Meeting, Paris
- IFOR announce the establishment of a “temporary restriction zone” in the Celic region to prevent the recurrence of recent violations of crossing procedures

**21 November**
US freighter arrives in Ploce harbour to unload arms for the BiH Federation “Train and Equip” programme
**22 November**
8th session of the BiH Presidency, Sarajevo
**23-24 November**
Coalition for Return Meeting, Mostar
**25 November**
Open Broadcast Network (OBN) Governing Council meeting, Brussels
**26-27 November**
PIC Steering Board Meeting, Bonn
**28 November**
9th session of the BiH Presidency
**29 November**
European Commission hosts conference on the role of the media in ex-Yugoslavia, Brussels

# December

**1 December**
The Government of RS announces it has withdrawn from

the Brcko arbitration process

**2-3 December**

OSCE Summit, Lisbon

**3-5 December**

Plenary Meeting on Succession Issues for the Former Yugoslavia, London

**4-5 December**

Full Meeting of the Peace Implementation Council, London

**8 December**

The Brcko Arbitral Tribunal announces a two month extension to the arbitration process, until 15 February 1997

**8-9 December**

Inaugural conference of the University of Sarajevo Human Rights Centre, Sarajevo

**11-12 December**

NATO Summit, Brussels

**13-14 December**

BiH Federation Forum, Mostar and Sarajevo

**12 December**

10th session of the BiH Presidency, Sarajevo

**15 December**

Coalition for Return Meeting, Banja Luka

**16 December**

- Carl Bildt attends meeting of UNHCR chaired Humanitarian Issues Working Group in Geneva
- Contact Group meeting, Geneva

**20 December**

IFOR officially hands over its duties to the Stabilisation Force (SFOR)

**27 December**

- OSCE's Felipe Gonzalez releases a report on his Mission's findings which concludes that the Opposition "Zajedno" had won the elections in 13 Serbian municipalities in the 17 November elections
- Third session of the RS National Assembly,

Jahorina

**28 December**

Carl Bildt releases a statement urging President Slobodan Milosevic to recognise the findings of the OSCE Mission

**30 December**

11th session of the BiH Presidency, Lukavica

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