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The members of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Alija Izetbegovic, Kresimir Zubak and Momcilo Krajisnik, met on 22 October 1996 and reached agreement on the following arrangements for the functioning of the common institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

1.
Starting from the provisions of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, signed on 14 December 1995 (hereafter the Peace Agreement), and wishing to continue towards its full implementation, the Members of the Presidency agreed to establish efficient organization and framework for the functioning of the common institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

2.
The work of the common institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be based on the principles of equality of the Federation and the Republika Srpska and the three constituent peoples in Bosnia and Herzegovina, of mutual tolerance, respect and cooperation in exercising all obligations under the Peace Agreement.

3.
To ensure continuous functioning of the institutions, the

Presidency has agreed a provisional arrangement for meetings of the Presidency, the Parliamentary Assembly, the Council of Ministers, the Constitutional Court and the Central Bank. Under this arrangement the members of the Presidency have agreed that the Presidency shall meet in Sarajevo at the National Museum and at the Electrotechnical Faculty – Lukavica.

A permanent arrangement on the premises, location and functioning of the Presidency, the Parliamentary Assembly, the Council of Ministers, the Constitutional Court and the Central Bank, shall be agreed by consensus within six months.

In taking this decision the Presidency shall consider the various options for housing the institutions, including any existing buildings in Sarajevo or the possiblility of new construction.

4.
The next meeting shall take place at the Electrotechnical Faculty at 14.30 on 25 October; the one following that at the National Museum on 29 October, at 14.30

These meetings should be prepared through daily meetings between the Chiefs of Staff. There also will be meetings on security issues.

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