

DECLARATION

ON THE OIC ACTION PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT PEACE AGREEMENT FOR BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

The Twenty-Third Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Solidarity and Tolerance), held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea from 17-20 Rajab 1416H (9 to 12 December 1995),

Proceeding from the principles and objectives of the Charter of the OIC which emphasize the commitment of Islamic Ummah to the consolidation of international peace and security;

Reaffirming all OIC resolutions and declarations relating to the just struggle of the Bosnian people for peace, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, particularly the resolution adopted by this conference;

Noting the acceptance of the Dayton Peace Agreement by the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina inspired by the necessity of reaching a peaceful solution, despite the fact that the Agreement does not fully satisfy the just aspirations of the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina;

Reiterating the imperative need for the full and effective implementation of all the components and provisions of the Dayton Peace Agreement;

Underlining the obligations of the international community, particularly members of the International Contact Group on Bosnia-Herzegovina and the United Nations Security Council in implementing the Peace Agreement;

Continuing its total support to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina;

Welcoming the establishment of the Assistance Mobilization Group for Bosnia-Herzegovina at the meeting of the OIC Contact Group on Bosnia-Herzegovina and OIC Troop Contributing countries to UNPROFOR attended by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Defence at Kuala Lumpur on 14 September, 1995, following the meeting of the OIC Contact Group on Bosnia-Herzegovina which was held at Geneva on 21 July, 1995.

Taking note of the Chairman's Report of the first and second meetings of the Assistance Mobilization Group held at Istanbul on 7-8 October, 1995 and at Tehran on 28-29, November, 1995.

Aiming at better mobilizing and coordinating OIC efforts in assisting and cooperating with the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina;

The Ministers decided to adopt the OIC Action Programme to assist in implementing the Peace Agreement for the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, including, inter alia the following actions:

1. Strongly supporting the full and effective implementation of all the components and provisions of the Peace Agreement initialled in Dayton, USA, thereby ensuring effective sovereignty and integrity of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
2. Contributing substantially, troops to the Implementation Force and financial resources for that purpose;
3. Continuing to provide military assistance to the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in the spirit of the Dayton Agreement and the Security Council Resolution of 22 November, 1995 in order to build up its defence capabilities and industries, aimed at establishing a military balance and to ensure deterrence against any future aggression;
4. Urgently providing relief, especially shelter and housing to refugees, returnees and displaced persons, as well as assistance in the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the

economy of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, thus helping the return of refugees, particularly skilled people;

5. Establishing a legal framework - establishment of diplomatic relations and bilateral agreements - between the OIC member countries and the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to create the basis of a partnership in the political, economic, cultural and other areas between the parties concerned;
6. Extending assistance to the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina in different fields on a bilateral, multilateral and commercial basis including bilateral agreements with the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
7. Providing assistance to the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina in its case against "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia" (Serbia and Montenegro) at the International Court of Justice (ICJ), in the process of succession of states of former Yugoslavia in providing legal and financial support for the prosecution of war criminals indicted by the War Crimes Tribunal and in ensuring that the assets of former Yugoslavia remain frozen until a final settlement on the succession.
8. Better mobilizing and coordinating all efforts of the OIC countries for the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and pursuing the OIC assistance and cooperative efforts bilaterally, through the institutions of the OIC and particularly through supporting the Assistance Mobilization Group for Bosnia and Herzegovina.
9. Establishing an OIC Programme for Reconstruction and Development for the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina in line with the Resolution No. 6/7-P(IS) adopted by the Seventh Islamic Summit, held in Casablanca, 13 - 15 December 1994.
10. Condemning strongly the repressive and discriminatory measures taken by Serbia and Montenegro against the Bosnian Muslims of the Sanjak resulting in large scale violations of their human, political and national rights.
11. Calling for effective measures by the international community of the protection of the fundamental rights of the Bosnian Muslims of the Sanjak.