

On the basis of the freely expressed will of the Croat people in Bosnia-Herzegovina, their democratically elected representatives at a meeting held on 18 November 1991 in Grude, reached the following

DECISION

on establishing the Croatian Community of Herceg-Bosna

Article 1

The Croatian Community of Herceg-Bosna shall be established as a political, ~~illegible/~~ economic and territorial integrity /territorial integrity underlined/.

Article 2

The Croatian Community of Herceg-Bosna shall be composed of the following municipalities: Jajce, Kreševo, Busovača, Vitez, Novi Travnik, Travnik, Kiseljak, Fojnica, Skender Vakuf /Dobrtići/, Kakanj, Vareš, Kotor Varoš, Tomislavgrad, Livno, Kupres, Bugojno, Gornji Vakuf, Prozor, Konjic, Jablanica, Posušje, Mostar, Široki Brijeg, Grude, Ljubuški, Čitluk, Čapljina, Neum, Stolac, Trebinje /Ravno/.

Article 3

Mostar shall be the seat of the Croatian Community of Herceg-Bosna.

Article 4

The Community may be joined by other municipalities of Bosnia-Herzegovina, with the approval of the founding municipalities.

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The Community shall respect the democratically elected government of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina as long as Bosnia-Herzegovina remains an independent state in relation to former or any future Yugoslavia.

Article 6

The Community shall respect all valid international regulations that constitute the basis of contemporary civilised relations in society.

Article 7

The supreme authority of the Community shall be the Presidency, comprising the most senior representatives of the Croatian people in the municipal authority or presidents of the Croatian Democratic Union municipal boards.

The presidency shall elect the president, two deputy presidents and the secretary.

Article 8

The organisation, its functioning and relations with other communities shall be regulated by the Statute.

Article 9

This decision shall come into effect immediately.

**SIGNATORIES IN SUPPORT OF THE DECISION ON ESTABLISHING THE
CROATIAN COMMUNITY OF HERCEG-BOSNA**

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| 18. PROZOR | /no signature/ |
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| 22. MOSTAR + /hand-written/ | /illegible/ |
| 23. ŠIROKI BRIJEG + /hand-written/ | /illegible/ |
| 24. GRUDE + /hand-written/ | /illegible/ |
| 25. LJUBUŠKI + /hand-written/ | /illegible/ |
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The Croat people of Bosnia-Herzegovina, in this difficult moment of their history when the last communist army in Europe, joined with the Chetniks, is threatening the survival of the Croat state and the Croat people, are aware that their future is linked to the future of the entire Croat nation. We Croats of Bosnia-Herzegovina, through our Croatian Democratic Union and through our elected government representatives in this Republic, have supported a sovereign Bosnia-Herzegovina, but we have always emphasised that we shall do so only until others start dividing Bosnia-Herzegovina.

We are witnessing these divisions and the grabbing out for somebody else's territories and property. The Serbs are creating a so-called "SAO Krajina", they are demolishing Bosnia-Herzegovina and attacking our centuries-old Croat territories. Confronted with the danger that is threatening our people and the integrity of our historic and ethnic territories and aware of our historic responsibilities in the defence of the Croat ethnic and historic territories and the Croat people in Bosnia-Herzegovina, we - the elected government representatives of the Croat people of Bosnia-Herzegovina - are founding the Croatian Community of Herceg-Bosna.

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