

JOINT RESOLUTION

Concerning the Deployment of United States Armed Forces
in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Whereas beginning on February 24, 1993, President Clinton committed the United States to participate in implementing a peace agreement in Bosnia and Herzegovina without prior consultation with Congress;

Whereas the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina has been unjustly denied the means to defend itself through the imposition of a United Nations arms embargo;

Whereas the United Nations Charter restates "the inherent right of individual and collective self-defense", a right denied the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina whose population has further suffered egregious violations of the international law of war including ethnic cleansing by Serbian aggressors, and the Convention on Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, to which the United States Senate gave its advice and consent in 1986;

Whereas the United States Congress has repeatedly voted to end the United States participation in the international arms embargo on the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina as the best way to achieve a military balance

and a just and stable peace without the deployment of United States Armed Forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina;

Whereas the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia, and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia initialed the General Framework Agreement and Associated Annexes on November 21, 1995 in Dayton, Ohio, after repeated assurances that the United States would send troops to assist in implementing that agreement;

Whereas three dedicated American diplomats—Bob Frasure, Joe Kruzel, and Nelson Drew—lost their lives in the American-led diplomatic effort which culminated in the General Framework Agreement;

Whereas as part of the negotiations which led to the General Framework Agreement, the United States has made a commitment to ensure that the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina is armed and trained to provide for its own defense, and that commitment should be honored;

Whereas the mission of the NATO Implementation Force is to create a secure environment to provide Bosnia and Herzegovina an opportunity to begin to establish a durable peace, which requires the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina to be able to provide for its own defense;

Whereas the objective of the United States in deploying United States Armed Forces to Bosnia and Herzegovina can only be successful if the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina is armed and trained to provide for its own defense after the withdrawal of the NATO Implementation Force and the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas in deciding to participate in implementation of the General Framework Agreement in Bosnia and Herzegovina, President Clinton has cited American inter-

ests including maintaining its leadership in NATO, preventing the spread of the conflict, stopping the tragic loss of life, and fulfilling American commitments; and

Whereas on December 3, 1995, President Clinton approved Operation Joint Endeavor and deployment of United States Armed Forces to Bosnia and Herzegovina began immediately thereafter; Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SUPPORT FOR UNITED STATES ARMED**
4 **FORCES.**

5 The Congress unequivocally supports the men and
6 women of our Armed Forces who are carrying out their
7 missions in support of peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina
8 with professional excellence, dedicated patriotism and ex-
9 emplary bravery, and believes they must be given all nec-
10 essary resources and support to carry out their mission
11 and ensure their security.

12 **SEC. 2. DEPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.**

13 (a) **LIMITATION.**—Notwithstanding reservations ex-
14 pressed about President Clinton's decision to deploy Unit-
15 ed States Armed Forces to Bosnia and Herzegovina and
16 recognizing that—

17 (1) the President has decided to deploy United
18 States Armed Forces to implement the General
19 Framework Agreement in Operation Joint Endeavor
20 citing American interests in preventing the spread of

1 conflict, maintaining its leadership in NATO, stopping
2 the tragic loss of life, and fulfilling American
3 commitments;

4 (2) the deployment of United States Armed
5 Forces has begun; and

6 (3) preserving United States credibility is a
7 strategic interest,

8 the President may only fulfill his commitment to deploy
9 United States Armed Forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina
10 for approximately one year to implement the General
11 Framework Agreement and Military Annex, pursuant to
12 this resolution, subject to the conditions in subsection (b).

13 (b) REQUIREMENT FOR DETERMINATION.—Before
14 acting pursuant to this resolution, the President shall
15 make available to the Speaker of the House of Representa-
16 tives and the President pro tempore of the Senate, his de-
17 termination that—

18 (1) the mission of the NATO Implementation
19 Force and United States Armed Forces deployed in
20 Bosnia and Herzegovina will be limited to implemen-
21 tation of the military provisions of the Military
22 Annex to the General Framework Agreement and
23 measures deemed necessary to protect the safety of
24 the NATO Implementation Force and United States
25 Armed Forces;

21 SEC. 3. REPORT ON EFFORTS TO ENABLE THE FEDERA-
22 TION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO PRO-
23 VIDE FOR ITS OWN DEFENSE.

24 (a) Within 30 days after enactment, the President
25 shall submit a detailed report on his plan to assist the

1 Federation of Bosnia to provide for its own defense, in-
2 cluding the role of the United States and other countries
3 in providing such assistance. Such report shall include an
4 evaluation of the defense needs of the Federation of
5 Bosnia and Herzegovina, including, to the maximum ex-
6 tent possible—

19 (4) administration plans to use existing military
20 drawdown authority, and other assistance authorities
21 pursuant to section 2(b)(3); and

22 (5) specific or anticipated commitments by
23 third countries to provide arms, equipment or train-
24 ing to the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

1 (b) The report shall be submitted in unclassified
2 form, but may contain a classified annex.

3 **SEC. 4. REPORTS TO CONGRESS ON MILITARY ASPECTS OF**
4 **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENERAL FRAME-**
5 **WORK AGREEMENT.**

6 (a) Thirty days after enactment, and at least once
7 every 60 days thereafter, the President shall submit to the
8 Congress a report on the status of the deployment of Unit-
9 ed States Armed Forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in-
10 cluding a detailed description of—

11 (1) criteria for determining success for the de-
12 ployment;

13 (2) the military mission and objectives;

14 (3) milestones for measuring progress in achiev-
15 ing the mission and objectives;

16 (4) command arrangements for United States
17 Armed Forces;

18 (5) the rules of engagement for United States
19 Armed Forces;

20 (6) the multilateral composition of forces in
21 Bosnia and Herzegovina;

22 (7) the status of compliance by all parties with
23 the General Framework Agreement and Associated
24 Annexes, including Article III of Annex 1-A con-

1 cerning the withdrawal of foreign forces from Bosnia
2 and Herzegovina;

3 (8) all incremental costs of the Department of
4 Defense and any costs incurred by other Federal
5 agencies, for the deployment of United States Armed
6 Forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina, including sup-
7 port for the NATO Implementation Force;

8 (9) the exit strategy to provide for complete
9 withdrawal of United States Armed Forces in the
10 NATO Implementation Force, including an esti-
11 mated date of completion; and

12 (10) a description of progress toward enabling
13 the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina to pro-
14 vide for its own defense.

15 (b) Such reports shall include a description of any
16 changes in the areas listed in (a)(1) through (a)(10) since
17 the previous report, if applicable, and shall be submitted
18 in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex.

19 **SEC. 5. REPORTS TO CONGRESS ON NON-MILITARY AS-**
20 **PECTS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GEN-**
21 **ERAL FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT.**

22 (a) Thirty days after enactment, and at least once
23 every 60 days thereafter, the President shall submit to the
24 Congress a report on—

9 (A) progress toward conducting of elec-
10 tions;

11 (B) the status of return of refugees and
12 displaced persons;

13 (C) humanitarian and reconstruction ef-
14 forts;

15 (D) police training and related civilian se-
16 curity efforts, including the status of implemen-
17 tation of Annex 11 regarding an international
18 police task force; and

19 (E) implementation of Article XIII of
20 Annex 6 concerning cooperation with the Inter-
21 national Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia
22 and other appropriate organizations in the in-
23 vestigation and prosecution of war crimes and
24 other violations of international humanitarian
25 law;

12 (5) United States and international diplomatic
13 efforts to contain and end conflict in the former
14 Yugoslavia, including efforts to resolve the status of
15 Kosova and halt violations of internationally-recogn-
16 nized human rights of its majority Albanian popu-
17 lation.

18 (b) Such reports shall be submitted in unclassified
19 form, but may contain a classified annex.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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