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STATEMENT ON BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA

The Community and its member States wish to express their deepest concern about the security situation in Bosnia and Hercegovina and appeal to all parties for an immediate cease-fire. They reiterate the absolute need for all parties to abide to the Statement of Principles agreed in Sarajevo on March 18th, 1992, and call upon them to reach a peaceful and negotiated solution within the framework of the talks on constitutional arrangements for Bosnia and Hercegovina held under the auspices of the EC Peace Conference.

The Community and its member States reaffirm that they strongly uphold the principle of the territorial integrity of the Republic of Bosnia and Hercegovina as the unquestionable foundation of any constitutional order. They wish to make clear that violations of this principle will not be tolerated and will certainly affect the future relations of those responsible with the Community.

The Community and its member States urge all military and para-military forces operating in Bosnia and Hercegovina to refrain from any actions which violate the sovereignity of the Republic or undermine the ongoing peace process. In this respect, they specifically call upon Serbian and Croatian Governments to exercise all their undoubted influence to end the interference in the affairs of an independent Republic and to condemn publically and unreservedly the use of force in Bosnia and Hercegovina.