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Preamble

Based on respect for human dignity, liberty, and equality,

Dedicated to peace, justice, tolerance, and reconciliation,

Convinced that democratic governmental institutions and fair procedures best produce peaceful relations within a pluralist society,

Desiring to promote the general welfare and economic growth through the protection of private property and the promotion of a market economy,

Guided by the Purposes and Principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Committed to the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and political independence of Bosnia and Herzegovina in accordance with international law,

Determined to ensure full respect for international humanitarian law,

Inspired by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Civil and Political Rights and on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities, as well as other human rights instruments,

Recalling the Basic Principles agreed in Geneva on September 8, 1995, and in New York on September 26, 1995, Bosniacs, Croats, and Serbs, as constituent peoples (along with Others), and citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina hereby determine that the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina is as follows:

Article I: Bosnia and Herzegovina

1. Continuation

The Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the official name of which shall henceforth be "Bosnia and Herzegovina," shall continue its legal existence under international law as a state, with its internal structure modified as provided herein and with its present internationally recognized borders. It shall remain a Member State of the United Nations and may as Bosnia and Herzegovina maintain or apply for membership in organizations within the United Nations system and other international organizations.

2. Democratic Principles

Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be a democratic state, which shall operate under the rule of law and with free and democratic elections.

3. Composition

Bosnia and Herzegovina shall consist of the two Entities, the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republika Srpska (hereinafter "the Entities").

4. Movement of Goods, Services, Capital and Persons

There shall be freedom of movement throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina. Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Entities shall not impede full freedom of movement of persons, goods, services, and capital throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina. Neither Entity shall establish controls at the boundary between the Entities.

5. Capital

The capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be Sarajevo.

6. Symbols

Bosnia and Herzegovina shall have such symbols as are decided by its Parliamentary Assembly and approved by the Presidency.

7. Citizenship

There shall be a citizenship of Bosnia and Herzegovina, to be regulated by the Parliamentary Assembly, and a citizenship of each Entity, to be regulated by each Entity, provided that:

- (a) All citizens of either Entity are thereby citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- (b) No person shall be deprived of Bosnia and Herzegovina or Entity citizenship arbitrarily or so as to leave him or her stateless. No person shall be deprived of Bosnia and Herzegovina or Entity citizenship on any ground such as sex, race, color, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status.
- (c) All persons who were citizens of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina immediately prior to the entry into force of this Constitution are citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The citizenship of persons who were naturalized after April 6, 1992 and before the entry into force of this Constitution will be regulated by the Parliamentary Assembly.
- (d) Citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina may hold the citizenship of another state, provided that there is a bilateral agreement, approved by the Parliamentary Assembly in accordance with Article IV.(4) (d), between Bosnia and Herzegovina and that state governing this matter. Persons with dual citizenship may vote in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Entities only if Bosnia and Herzegovina is their country of residence.

- (e) A citizen of Bosnia and Herzegovina abroad shall enjoy the protection of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Each Entity may issue passports of Bosnia and Herzegovina to its citizens as regulated by the Parliamentary Assembly. Bosnia and Herzegovina may issue passports to citizens not issued a passport by an Entity. There shall be a central register of all passports issued by the Entities and by Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Article II: Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

1. Human Rights

Bosnia and Herzegovina and both Entities shall ensure the highest level of internationally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms. To that end, there shall be a Human Rights Commission for Bosnia and Herzegovina as provided for in Annex 6 to the General Framework Agreement.

2. International Standards

The rights and freedoms set forth in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and its Protocols shall apply directly in Bosnia and Herzegovina. These shall have priority over all other law.

3. Enumeration of Rights

All persons within the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall enjoy the human rights and fundamental freedoms referred to in paragraph 2 above; these include:

- (a) The right to life.
- (b) The right not to be subjected to torture or to inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

- (c) The right not to be held in slavery or servitude or to perform forced or compulsory labor.
- (d) The rights to liberty and security of person.
- (e) The right to a fair hearing in civil and criminal matters, and other rights relating to criminal proceedings.
- (f) The right to private and family life, home, and correspondence.
- (g) Freedom of thought, conscience, and religion.
- (h) Freedom of expression.
- (i) Freedom of peaceful assembly and freedom of association with others.
- (j) The right to marry and to found a family.
- (k) The right to property.
- (l) The right to education.
- (m) The right to liberty of movement and residence.

4. Non-Discrimination

The enjoyment of the rights and freedoms provided for in this Article or in the international agreements listed in Annex I to this Constitution shall be secured to all persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina without discrimination on any ground such as sex, race, color, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status.

5. Refugees and Displaced Persons

All refugees and displaced persons have the right freely to return to their homes of origin. They have the right, in accordance with Annex 7 to the General Framework Agreement, to have restored to them property of which they were deprived in the course of hostilities since 1991 and to be compensated for any such property that cannot be restored to them. Any commitments or statements relating to such property made under duress are null and void.

6. Implementation

Bosnia and Herzegovina, and all courts, agencies, governmental organs, and instrumentalities operated by or within the Entities, shall apply and conform to the human rights and fundamental freedoms referred to in paragraph 2 above.

7. International Agreements

Bosnia and Herzegovina shall remain or become party to the international agreements listed in Annex I to this Constitution.

8. Cooperation

All competent authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina shall cooperate with and provide unrestricted access to: any international human rights monitoring mechanisms established for Bosnia and Herzegovina; the supervisory bodies established by any of the international agreements listed in Annex I to this Constitution; the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (and in particular shall comply with orders issued pursuant to Article 29 of the Statute of the Tribunal); and any other organization authorized by the United Nations Security Council with a mandate concerning human rights or humanitarian law.

Article III:
Responsibilities of and Relations Between
the Institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina
and the Entities

1. Responsibilities of the Institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The following matters are the responsibility of the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina:

- (a) Foreign policy.
- (b) Foreign trade policy.
- (c) Customs policy.
- (d) Monetary policy as provided in Article VII.
- (e) Finances of the institutions and for the international obligations of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- (f) Immigration, refugee, and asylum policy and regulation.
- (g) International and inter-Entity criminal law enforcement, including relations with Interpol.
- (h) Establishment and operation of common and international communications facilities.
- (i) Regulation of inter-Entity transportation.
- (j) Air traffic control.

2. Responsibilities of the Entities

- (a) The Entities shall have the right to establish special parallel relationships with neighboring states consistent with the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

- (b) Each Entity shall provide all necessary assistance to the government of Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to enable it to honor the international obligations of Bosnia and Herzegovina, provided that financial obligations incurred by one Entity without the consent of the other prior to the election of the Parliamentary Assembly and Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be the responsibility of that Entity, except insofar as the obligation is necessary for continuing the membership of Bosnia and Herzegovina in an international organization.
- (c) The Entities shall provide a safe and secure environment for all persons in their respective jurisdictions, by maintaining civilian law enforcement agencies operating in accordance with internationally recognized standards and with respect for the internationally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms referred to in Article II above, and by taking such other measures as appropriate.
- (d) Each Entity may also enter into agreements with states and international organizations with the consent of the Parliamentary Assembly. The Parliamentary Assembly may provide by law that certain types of agreements do not require such consent.

3. Law and Responsibilities of the Entities and the Institutions

- (a) All governmental functions and powers not expressly assigned in this Constitution to the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be those of the Entities.
- (b) The Entities and any subdivisions thereof shall comply fully with this Constitution, which supersedes inconsistent provisions of the law of Bosnia and Herzegovina and of the constitutions and law of the Entities, and with the decisions of the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The general principles of international law shall be an integral part of the law of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Entities.

4. Coordination

The Presidency may decide to facilitate inter-Entity coordination on matters not within the responsibilities of Bosnia and Herzegovina as provided in this Constitution, unless an Entity objects in any particular case.

5. Additional Responsibilities

- (a) Bosnia and Herzegovina shall assume responsibility for such other matters as are agreed by the Entities; are provided for in Annexes 5 through 8 to the General Framework Agreement; or are necessary to preserve the sovereignty, territorial integrity, political independence, and international personality of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in accordance with the division of responsibilities between the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Additional institutions may be established as necessary to carry out such responsibilities.
- (b) Within six months of the entry into force of this Constitution, the Entities shall begin negotiations with a view to including in the responsibilities of the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina other matters, including utilization of energy resources and cooperative economic projects.

Article IV:

Parliamentary Assembly

The Parliamentary Assembly shall have two chambers: the House of Peoples and the House of Representatives.

1. House of Peoples

The House of Peoples shall comprise 15 Delegates, two-thirds from the Federation (including five Croats and five Bosniacs) and one-third from the Republika Srpska (five Serbs).

- (a) The designated Croat and Bosniac Delegates from the Federation shall be selected, respectively, by the Croat and Bosniac Delegates to the House of Peoples of the Federation. Delegates from the Republika Srpska shall be selected by the National Assembly of the Republika Srpska.
- (b) Nine members of the House of Peoples shall comprise a quorum, provided that at least three Bosniac, three Croat, and three Serb Delegates are present.

2. House of Representatives

The House of Representatives shall comprise 42 Members, two-thirds elected from the territory of the Federation, one-third from the territory of the Republika Srpska.

- (a) Members of the House of Representatives shall be directly elected from their Entity in accordance with an election law to be adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly. The first election, however, shall take place in accordance with Annex 3 to the General Framework Agreement.
- (b) A majority of all members elected to the House of Representatives shall comprise a quorum.

3. Procedures

- (a) Each chamber shall be convened in Sarajevo not more than 30 days after its selection or election.
- (b) Each chamber shall by majority vote adopt its internal rules and select from its members one Serb, one Bosniac, and one Croat to serve as its Chair and Deputy Chairs, with the position of Chair rotating among the three persons selected.
- (c) All legislation shall require the approval of both chambers.

- (d) All decisions in both chambers shall be by majority of those present and voting. The Delegates and Members shall make their best efforts to see that the majority includes at least one-third of the votes of Delegates or Members from the territory of each Entity. If a majority vote does not include one-third of the votes of Delegates or Members from the territory of each Entity, the Chair and Deputy Chairs shall meet as a commission and attempt to obtain approval within three days of the vote. If those efforts fail, decisions shall be taken by a majority of those present and voting, provided that the dissenting votes do not include two-thirds or more of the Delegates or Members elected from either Entity.
- (e) A proposed decision of the Parliamentary Assembly may be declared to be destructive of a vital interest of the Bosniac, Croat, or Serb people by a majority of, as appropriate, the Bosniac, Croat, or Serb Delegates selected in accordance with paragraph I (a) above. Such a proposed decision shall require for approval in the House of Peoples a majority of the Bosniac, of the Croat, and of the Serb Delegates present and voting.
- (f) When a majority of the Bosniac, of the Croat, or of the Serb Delegates objects to the invocation of paragraph (e), the Chair of the House of Peoples shall immediately convene a Joint Commission comprising three Delegates, one each selected by the Bosniac, by the Croat, and by the Serb Delegates, to resolve the issue. If the Commission fails to do so within five days, the matter will be referred to the Constitutional Court, which shall in an expedited process review it for procedural regularity.
- (g) The House of Peoples may be dissolved by the Presidency or by the House itself, provided that the House's decision to dissolve is approved by a majority that includes the majority of Delegates from at least two of the Bosniac, Croat, or Serb peoples. The House

of Peoples elected in the first elections after the entry into force of this Constitution may not, however, be dissolved.

- (h) Decisions of the Parliamentary Assembly shall not take effect before publication.
- (i) Both chambers shall publish a complete record of their deliberations and shall, save in exceptional circumstances in accordance with their rules, deliberate publicly.
- (j) Delegates and Members shall not be held criminally or civilly liable for any acts carried out within the scope of their duties in the Parliamentary Assembly.

4. Powers

The Parliamentary Assembly shall have responsibility for:

- (a) Enacting legislation as necessary to implement decisions of the Presidency or to carry out the responsibilities of the Assembly under this Constitution.
- (b) Deciding upon the sources and amounts of revenues for the operations of the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina and international obligations of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- (c) Approving a budget for the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- (d) Deciding whether to consent to the ratification of treaties.
- (e) Such other matters as are necessary to carry out its duties or as are assigned to it by mutual agreement of the Entities.

Article V: Presidency

The Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall consist of three Members: one Bosniac and one Croat, each directly elected from the territory of the Federation, and one Serb directly elected from the territory of the Republika Srpska.

1. Election and Term

- (a) Members of the Presidency shall be directly elected in each Entity (with each voter voting to fill one seat on the Presidency) in accordance with an election law adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly. The first election, however, shall take place in accordance with Annex 3 to the General Framework Agreement. Any vacancy in the Presidency shall be filled from the relevant Entity in accordance with a law to be adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly.
- (b) The term of the Members of the Presidency elected in the first election shall be two years; the term of Members subsequently elected shall be four years. Members shall be eligible to succeed themselves once and shall thereafter be ineligible for four years.

2. Procedures

- (a) The Presidency shall determine its own rules of procedure, which shall provide for adequate notice of all meetings of the Presidency.
- (b) The Members of the Presidency shall appoint from their Members a Chair. For the first term of the Presidency, the Chair shall be the Member who received the highest number of votes. Thereafter, the method of selecting the Chair, by rotation or otherwise, shall be determined by the Parliamentary Assembly, subject to Article IV(3).

- (c) The Presidency shall endeavor to adopt all Presidency Decisions (i.e., those concerning matters arising under Article V(3) (a) - (e) by consensus. Such decisions may, subject to paragraph (d) below, nevertheless be adopted by two Members when all efforts to reach consensus have failed.
- (d) A dissenting Member of the Presidency may declare a Presidency Decision to be destructive of a vital interest of the Entity from the territory from which he was elected, provided that he does so within three days of its adoption. Such a Decision shall be referred immediately to the National Assembly of the Republika Srpska, if the declaration was made by the Member from that territory; to the Bosniac Delegates of the House of Peoples of the Federation, if the declaration was made by the Bosniac Member; or to the Croat Delegates of that body, if the declaration was made by the Croat Member. If the declaration is confirmed by a two-thirds vote of those persons within ten days of the referral, the challenged Presidency Decision shall not take effect.

3. Powers

The Presidency shall have responsibility for:

- (a) Conducting the foreign policy of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- (b) Appointing ambassadors and other international representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, no more than two-thirds of whom may be selected from the territory of the Federation.
- (c) Representing Bosnia and Herzegovina in international and European organizations and institutions and seeking membership in such organizations and institutions of which Bosnia and Herzegovina is not a member.

- (d) Negotiating, denouncing, and, with the consent of the Parliamentary Assembly, ratifying treaties of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- (e) Executing decisions of the Parliamentary Assembly.
- (f) Proposing, upon the recommendation of the Council of Ministers, an annual budget to the Parliamentary Assembly.
- (g) Reporting as requested, but not less than annually, to the Parliamentary Assembly on expenditures by the Presidency.
- (h) Coordinating as necessary with international and nongovernmental organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- (i) Performing such other functions as may be necessary to carry out its duties, as may be assigned to it by the Parliamentary Assembly, or as may be agreed by the Entities.

4. Council of Ministers

The Presidency shall nominate the Chair of the Council of Ministers, who shall take office upon the approval of the House of Representatives. The Chair shall nominate a Foreign Minister, a Minister for Foreign Trade, and other Ministers as may be appropriate, who shall take office upon the approval of the House of Representatives.

- (a) Together the Chair and the Ministers shall constitute the Council of Ministers, with responsibility for carrying out the policies and decisions of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the fields referred to in Article III(1), (4), and (5) and reporting to the Parliamentary Assembly (including, at least annually, on expenditures by Bosnia and Herzegovina).
- (b) No more than two-thirds of all Ministers may be appointed

from the territory of the Federation. The Chair shall also nominate Deputy Ministers (who shall not be of the same constituent people as their Ministers), who shall take office upon the approval of the House of Representatives.

- (c) The Council of Ministers shall resign if at any time there is a vote of no-confidence by the Parliamentary Assembly.

5. Standing Committee

- (a) Each member of the Presidency shall, by virtue of the office, have civilian command authority over armed forces. Neither Entity shall threaten or use force against the other Entity, and under no circumstances shall any armed forces of either Entity enter into or stay within the territory of the other Entity without the consent of the government of the latter and of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina. All armed forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina shall operate consistently with the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- (b) The members of the Presidency shall select a Standing Committee on Military Matters to coordinate the activities of armed forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Members of the Presidency shall be members of the Standing Committee.

Article VI: Constitutional Court

1. Composition

The Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall have nine members.

- (a) Four members shall be selected by the House of Representatives

of the Federation, and two members by the Assembly of the Republika Srpska. The remaining three members shall be selected by the President of the European Court of Human Rights after consultation with the Presidency.

- (b) Judges shall be distinguished jurists of high moral standing. Any eligible voter so qualified may serve as a judge of the Constitutional Court. The judges selected by the President of the European Court of Human Rights shall not be citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina or of any neighboring state.
- (c) The term of judges initially appointed shall be five years, unless they resign or are removed for cause by consensus of the other judges. Judges initially appointed shall not be eligible for reappointment. Judges subsequently appointed shall serve until age 70, unless they resign or are removed for cause by consensus of the other judges.
- (d) For appointments made more than five years after the initial appointment of judges, the Parliamentary Assembly may provide by law for a different method of selection of the three judges selected by the President of the European Court of Human Rights.

2. Procedures

- (a) A majority of all members of the Court shall constitute a quorum.
- (b) The Court shall adopt its own rules of court by a majority of all members. It shall hold public proceedings and shall issue reasons for its decisions, which shall be published.

3. Jurisdiction

The Constitutional Court shall uphold this Constitution.

(a) The Constitutional Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction to decide any dispute that arises under this Constitution between the Entities or between Bosnia and Herzegovina and an Entity or Entities, or between institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina, including but not limited to:

- Whether an Entity's decision to establish a special parallel relationship with a neighboring state is consistent with this Constitution, including provisions concerning the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Whether any provision of an Entity's constitution or law is consistent with this Constitution.

Disputes may be referred only by a member of the Presidency, by the Chair of the Council of Ministers, by the Chair or a Deputy Chair of either chamber of the Parliamentary Assembly, by one-fourth of the members of either chamber of the Parliamentary Assembly, or by one-fourth of either chamber of a legislature of an Entity.

(b) The Constitutional Court shall also have appellate jurisdiction over issues under this Constitution arising out of a judgment of any other court in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

(c) The Constitutional Court shall have jurisdiction over issues referred by any court in Bosnia and Herzegovina concerning whether a law, on whose validity its decision depends, is compatible with this Constitution, with the European Convention for Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and its Protocols, or with the laws of Bosnia and Herzegovina; or concerning the existence of or the scope of a general rule of public international law pertinent to the court's decision.

4. Decisions

Decisions of the Constitutional Court shall be final and binding.

Article VII: Central Bank

There shall be a Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which shall be the sole authority for issuing currency and for monetary policy throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina.

1. The Central Bank's responsibilities will be determined by the Parliamentary Assembly. For the first six years after the entry into force of this Constitution, however, it may not extend credit by creating money, operating in this respect as a currency board; thereafter, the Parliamentary Assembly may give it that authority.
2. The first Governing Board of the Central Bank shall consist of a Governor appointed by the International Monetary Fund, after consultation with the Presidency, and three members appointed by the Presidency, two from the Federation (one Bosniac, one Croat, who shall share one vote) and one from the Republika Srpska, all of whom shall serve a six-year term. The Governor, who shall not be a citizen of Bosnia and Herzegovina or any neighboring state, may cast tie-breaking votes on the Governing Board.
3. Thereafter, the Governing Board of the Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall consist of five persons appointed by the Presidency for a term of six years. The Board shall appoint, from among its members, a Governor for a term of six years.

Article VIII: Finances

1. The Parliamentary Assembly shall each year, on the proposal

of the Presidency, adopt a budget covering the expenditures required to carry out the responsibilities of institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the international obligations of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

2. If no such budget is adopted in due time, the budget for the previous year shall be used on a provisional basis.
3. The Federation shall provide two-thirds, and the Republika Srpska one-third, of the revenues required by the budget, except insofar as revenues are raised as specified by the Parliamentary Assembly.

Article IX:
General Provisions

1. No person who is serving a sentence imposed by the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, and no person who is under indictment by the Tribunal and who has failed to comply with an order to appear before the Tribunal, may stand as a candidate or hold any appointive, elective, or other public office in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
2. Compensation for persons holding office in the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina may not be diminished during an officeholder's tenure.
3. Officials appointed to positions in the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be generally representative of the peoples of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Article X: Amendment

1. Amendment Procedure

This Constitution may be amended by a decision of the Parliamentary Assembly, including a two-thirds majority of those present and voting in the House of Representatives.

2. Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

No amendment to this Constitution may eliminate or diminish any of the rights and freedoms referred to in Article II of this Constitution or alter the present paragraph.

Article XI: Transitional Arrangements

Transitional arrangements concerning public offices, law, and other matters are set forth in Annex II to this Constitution.

Article XII: Entry into Force

1. This Constitution shall enter into force upon signature of the General Framework Agreement as a constitutional act amending and superseding the Constitution of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
2. Within three months from the entry into force of this Constitution, the Entities shall amend their respective constitutions to ensure their conformity with this Constitution in accordance with Article III(3)(b).

Annex I:

Additional Human Rights Agreements to be Applied in Bosnia and Herzegovina

1. 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide
2. 1949 Geneva Conventions I-IV on the Protection of the Victims of War, and the 1977 Geneva Protocols I-II thereto
3. 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1966 Protocol thereto
4. 1957 Convention on the Nationality of Married Women
5. 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness
6. 1965 International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
7. 1966 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the 1966 and 1989 Optional Protocols thereto
8. 1966 Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
9. 1979 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
10. 1984 Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
11. 1987 European Convention on the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
12. 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child
13. 1990 International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
14. 1992 European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages
15. 1994 Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities

Annex II: Transitional Arrangements

1. Joint Interim Commission

- (a) The Parties hereby establish a Joint Interim Commission with a mandate to discuss practical questions related to the implementation of the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina and of the General Framework Agreement and its Annexes, and to make recommendations and proposals.
- (b) The Joint Interim Commission shall be composed of four persons from the Federation, three persons from the Republika Srpska, and one representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- (c) Meetings of the Commission shall be chaired by the High Representative or his or designee.

2. Continuation of Laws

All laws, regulations, and judicial rules of procedure in effect within the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina when the Constitution enters into force shall remain in effect to the extent not inconsistent with the Constitution, until otherwise determined by a competent governmental body of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

3. Judicial and Administrative Proceedings

All proceedings in courts or administrative agencies functioning within the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina when the Constitution enters into force shall continue in or be transferred to other courts or agencies in Bosnia and Herzegovina in accordance with any legislation governing the competence of such courts or agencies.

4. Offices

Until superseded by applicable agreement or law, governmental offices, institutions, and other bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina will operate in accordance with applicable law.

5. Treaties

Any treaty ratified by the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina between January 1, 1992 and the entry into force of this Constitution shall be disclosed to Members of the Presidency within 15 days of their assuming office; any such treaty not disclosed shall be denounced. Within six months after the Parliamentary Assembly is first convened, at the request of any member of the Presidency, the Parliamentary Assembly shall consider whether to denounce any other such treaty.

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Pursuant to Article IV 3 (b) of the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the House of Peoples of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina enacted at its 53rd session, held on January 31, 2006, the following

RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE HOUSE OF PEOPLES
OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY
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CHAPTER I - Constitution of the House of Peoples of the
Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Section A - Constituting the House of Peoples of the
Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Article 1

(Organization and business of the House of Peoples of the
Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina)

The House of Peoples of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter, "the House") shall be organized and shall work under the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina, (hereinafter, "BiH Constitution"), the law, and these Rules of Procedure.

Article 2

(Inaugural session)

- (1) The House shall be constituted by holding the first session of its current mandate.
- (2) The first session of the House after elections shall be convened by the Collegium of the previous mandate of the House, unless otherwise defined by the law.
- (3) Pending the election of a Speaker, the first session shall be chaired by the oldest elected delegate in the capacity of Interim Speaker.
- (4) After the opening of the first session, the Interim Speaker shall read the list of delegates.

Article 3
(Swearing-in ceremony)

The delegates shall begin their mandate by taking a solemn oath of office collectively and signing the text of the oath of office individually. The text of the oath of office shall read as follows: "I swear that I will faithfully discharge the duties assigned to me; respect the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina; implement fully the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina; defend and support human rights and fundamental freedoms; and defend the interests and equality of all peoples and citizens."

Section B - The People's Caucuses

Article 4
(Establishment of the people's caucuses)

- (1) After the delegates have taken their oath of office, the House shall establish three caucuses of the constituent Peoples (hereinafter, "the People's caucuses")
 - a) The Bosniak People's caucus;
 - b) The Croat People's caucus;
 - c) The Serb People's caucus;
- (2) The people's caucuses shall be established by the delegates in the House especially to prepare, propose and consider items on the agenda for the House sessions.

Article 5
(Organization of the People's caucuses)

Each People's caucus shall define independently its organization and manner of work and shall select a Chair and his or her Deputy.

Article 6
(Funding of the people's caucuses)

In order to create favourable conditions for the participation of the People's caucuses in House activities, once a year, the responsible committee shall decide on and inform the House about the allocation of funds and facilities as well as the administrative, technical and other services required for the work of the People's caucuses.

Section C - Election of the Speaker, the First and
the Second Deputy Speaker of the House

Article 7
(Election)

- (1) After the People's caucuses have been formed, the House shall elect from among House members one Bosniak, one Croat and one Serb who shall discharge the duties of: Speaker, First Deputy Speaker and Second Deputy Speaker of the House. The Speaker may not be elected from the same constituent people as the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (2) Each People's caucus and any delegate may propose candidates for each of these offices. If there is more than one candidate proposed for the same position, the vote shall first be taken on candidates proposed by the People's caucuses. After the list of candidates has been drawn up for each position, the vote shall be taken.
- (3) If out of several candidates proposed for one position no candidate has received the required majority or several candidates have received the same number of votes, a vote shall be conducted between the two candidates who have received the highest or the tied number of highest votes.

- (4) The decision on the election shall be taken according to the decision-making procedures of the House. An agreement shall be reached by the representatives of the People's caucuses and if this fails, the vote shall be repeated.
- (5) If no candidate receives the required majority, the entire vote shall be repeated.

CHAPTER II - The rights and responsibilities of delegates

Article 8

(Participation in House business)

- (1) A delegate has the right and duty to attend sessions of the House and sessions of the House committees of which he or she is a member. He or she shall take part in this work and shall be engaged in finding solutions and taking decisions which ensure the execution of the constitutional powers of BiH institutions.
- (2) In executing his or her duties, every delegate may take part in the work of a committee of which he or she is not a member, without the right to vote.
- (3) A delegate who is prevented from taking part in a House session or a session of a committee of which he or she is a member, or who has to leave during the session, shall inform the Chair of the House or the Chair of the committee on time and explain the reasons for his or her absence.

Article 9

(Initiation and proposing Acts)

A delegate may introduce, seek to amend laws and other acts, or

apply other procedures defined in these Rules of Procedure which shall always be subject to a vote by the House.

Article 10 (The right to information)

In order to facilitate their participation in House activities, delegates shall be informed in a timely fashion, under these Rules of Procedure, that a session has been called and shall receive the relevant material.

Article 11 (Confidentiality)

- (1) Delegates shall be held responsible to keep in secrecy state, military, official or business secrets and other confidential information.
- (2) Prior to the distribution of material to the delegates, the Speaker of the House and Chairs of House Committees shall determine the level of confidentiality of the material prepared in the House, in accordance with the law.
- (3) Paragraph 1 of this Article shall also apply to the material which the BiH Council of Ministers and other BiH institutions present to the House which are classified as secret state, military, or information in accordance with the law or other regulations made under the law.
- (4) The House may, at the recommendation by the Constitutional-Legal Committee and after debate, lift the immunity of a delegate found to have violated the rules of Paragraphs (1) - (3) of this Article. A court procedure may be launched afterwards.
- (5) The Constitutional-Legal Committee may propose to the House that immunity be lifted if so requested by the House

Collegium, by any standing body of the House or by at least one People's caucus. The request must be explained.

Article 12
(Employment status of delegates)

- (1) All delegates are entitled to the delegates' lump sum payment and compensation for specific material expenses. Delegates who are full-time employees of the House are entitled to salaries in right of the offices they hold and to other remuneration in accordance with the law and decisions made by the responsible committee.
- (2) Upon proposal of the House Collegium, the House shall determine the criteria that regulate entitlements of delegates to full time employment outside the House.

Article 13
(Delegate's identity card)

- (1) Each delegate shall be issued a delegate's identity card and a voting card with a number. He or she shall be responsible for its use. A delegate's identity card and a numbered voting card may not be shared with another person or delegate.
- (2) The delegate's identity card shall bear a photo and the delegate's first name and family name, and a notice of the right to immunity and other entitlements defined by the law.
- (3) The content, form and manner of keeping record of a delegate's identity card and numbered voting card shall be defined by the House Collegium. The Secretary of the House shall be in charge of their issuance and record keeping.

Article 14
(Delegate's responsibilities)

- (1) Under the BiH Constitution and the law, a delegate may not be held responsible in a criminal or civil procedure for any actions he or she has taken in the course of duty during his or her term in office.
- (2) Lifting immunity in each specific case shall be decided by the House on the recommendation of the Constitutional-Legal Committee under Article 11 (4) and (5) under these Rules of Procedure and in other cases as defined by the law.

Article 15
(Resignation of delegates)

- (1) Delegates may resign from their duties. A resignation shall be submitted to the Speaker of the House in writing or given orally at a session of the House, unless otherwise defined by the BiH Election Law.
- (2) Any delegate, including any delegate who has resigned, may request an urgent debate over his or her resignation. If a delegate confirms his or her resignation at the end of the debate, the Speaker shall inform accordingly the responsible body defined by law with a view to replacing the member who has resigned.

CHAPTER III - Organization of the House

Section A - The House Collegium and the Joint Collegium of both Houses of the BiH Parliamentary Assembly

Article 16

(Composition of the House Collegium)

- (1) The House Collegium (hereinafter, "the Collegium") shall consist of the Speaker and the First and the Second Deputy Speaker of the House.
- (2) If the position of the Speaker or the First or the Second Speaker is vacant, the House shall, under the procedure defined in Article 7 of these Rules of Procedure, select a member from the ranks of its members, from the same constituent people as the absent Speaker or a Deputy Speaker, who shall fill the vacancy.

Article 17

(Duties of the Collegium)

The Collegium shall be responsible for:

- a) enabling delegates to exercise the rights and duties that are related to the execution of their responsibilities and proposing the criteria which regulate the rights and duties of professional delegates;
- b) establishing cooperation with the House of Representatives, including holding common sessions of both Houses at the request of the Collegium of the House of Representatives and holding common sessions of the Collegia of both Houses;
- c) exercising the rights and duties of the House with regard to the BiH Presidency and the BiH Council of Ministers

under the BiH Constitution, the law and these Rules of Procedure;

- d) considering the initiatives and proposals made to the House with regard to their harmony with these Rules of Procedure;
- e) establishing cooperation with political parties, other organizations and citizen associations;
- f) holding consultations with regard to preparing an agenda for a House session;
- g) holding consultations with regard to preparing a possible work plan;
- h) any other issue which might influence the work of the House;
- i) carrying out any other duty assigned to the Collegium by the House and these Rules of Procedure.

Article 18

(Convening of the Collegium session)

- (1) The Collegium shall meet as and when necessary and at least once every two weeks - at the request by the Speaker. However, the Collegium may deviate from this rule in the period between July 15 and August 31.
- (2) A Collegium session shall be convened by the Speaker within seven days of a request made by any member of the Collegium.
- (3) When it so decides, the Collegium may work with an expanded composition including participation of representatives from each People's caucus and/or including the Chairs of committees.

Article 19
(Decision-making in the Collegium)

The Collegium shall make decisions by consensus. If the effort to reach a consensus fails, decisions shall be made by the Speaker. The Speaker shall always inform the House accordingly.

Article 20
(Other participants at the Collegium sessions)

- (1) A Collegium session may also be attended, as and when necessary, on the invitation of the Speaker, by other delegates and persons without the right to vote.
- (2) A representative of the BiH Council of Ministers shall be invited to the sessions or parts of sessions of the Collegium at which issues referred to in Article 17, items (f) and (g) of these Rules of Procedure are considered and in other cases as determined by the Collegium.

Article 21
(The Joint Collegium of both Houses of the BiH
Parliamentary Assembly)

- (1) A session of the Joint Collegium of both Houses of the BiH Parliamentary Assembly (hereinafter, the "Joint Collegium") shall be held at least once each month.
- (2) The Joint Collegium shall be chaired by the Speakers of the Houses on a rotating basis. The first session of the Joint Collegium shall be convened by the Speakers of both Houses. The two Speakers will then take turns chairing the sessions. The next session shall always be convened by the Speaker of the House who chairs that session.

- (3) The Joint Collegium shall make decisions by consensus.
- (4) When so decided, members of the People's caucuses and members of the House of Representatives' caucuses may also take part in the work of the Joint Collegium.
- (5) The Joint Collegium shall be responsible for:
 - a) Initiating and coordinating inter-parliamentary cooperation;
 - b) Appointing members of interim delegations to take part in inter-parliamentary meetings. They shall inform the People's caucuses and Representatives' caucuses accordingly;
 - c) decision-making about the nature and deadlines for debates and decisions which require approval by both Houses;
 - d) establishing the criteria for the selection of members for permanent delegations of the BiH Parliamentary Assembly;
 - e) convening and organizing joint sessions of both Houses of the BiH Parliamentary Assembly;
 - f) convening joint sessions with the BiH Council of Ministers;
 - g) appointing secretaries to the joint committees of both Houses of the BiH Parliamentary Assembly;
 - h) carrying out any other duty assigned by the Houses and the Rules of Procedure of the Houses.

Section B - Speaker of the House

Article 22

(Speaker of the House and rotation)

- (1) The position of Speaker shall rotate automatically among the holders of the offices of Speaker, First Deputy Speaker and Second Deputy Speaker, without a vote, every eight months starting from the day the Speaker and Deputies are elected.

- (2) If the Speaker is unable to attend a session of the House, the duties of the Speaker shall be discharged by the First Deputy Speaker. If the First Deputy Speaker is unable to attend a session of the House in such a case, the duty of the Speaker shall be discharged by the Second Deputy Speaker.

Article 23

(Duties of the Speaker of the House)

- (1) The Speaker of the House shall:
- a) represent the House;
 - b) take part in the preparation of House sessions; shall convene and chair the House sessions;
 - c) take part in the preparation of the Collegium sessions; shall convene and chair the Collegium sessions;
 - d) initiate debate about issues within the House's scope of responsibility;
 - e) control the floor debate, call on members who seek recognition to speak and can order a member to stop speaking under these Rules of Procedure;
 - f) limit the duration of debate for one or more issues, if necessary, in order to ensure the debate of all the agenda items which the members have approved;
 - g) take all necessary measures to ensure peaceful and proper debate, including the postponement of a debate;
 - h) ensure consistent application of these Rules of Procedure;
 - i) ensure House and Committee sessions are open to the public;
 - j) ensure that delegates are able to exercise their rights and responsibilities with respect to the execution of their duties in the House;
 - k) sign laws and other acts approved by the House;

- l) issue instructions to the Secretary of the House with regard to the implementation of tasks and duties;
 - m) carry out any other duty in accordance with House decisions.
- (2) In executing the above powers, the Speaker of the House shall consult with the Deputy Speakers.

Section C - House Committees

Article 24 (Committees)

The House shall establish standing and ad hoc committees of the House and together with the House of Representatives establish joint standing and ad hoc committees of both Houses of the BiH Parliamentary Assembly (hereinafter, "BiH PA").

Article 25 (Standing Committees of the House)

The House shall have the following standing committees:

- a) The Constitutional-Legal Committee;
- b) The Committee on Foreign and Trade Policy, Customs, Transportation and Communications;
- c) The Committee on Finance and Budget.

Article 26 (The Constitutional-Legal Committee)

- (1) The Constitutional-Legal Committee shall:
- a) monitor the implementation of the BiH Constitution;
 - b) consider issues relevant to the constitutional order of Bosnia and Herzegovina and make suggestions for amendments to the BiH Constitution;

- c) examine and submit to the House opinions on proposed amendments to the BiH Constitution;
 - d) when the House deems it necessary, hold public hearings about proposed amendments to the BiH Constitution or draft laws and inform the House about the results of such public debate;
 - e) consider draft laws which the House may approve with a view to assessing their conformity with the BiH Constitution and the legal system as well as the standard legal wording of draft laws; also, report to the House its opinion of and proposals for legal and technical corrections of the obvious errors noticed in the text of draft laws;
 - f) consider legislative methodology issues and other issues relevant to the standard legal wording of draft laws to be considered by the House;
 - g) present opinions to the BiH Constitutional Court;
 - h) take part in preparing the work program related to the House's legislative activity;
 - i) make, jointly with the relevant committee of the House of Representatives, a revised text of draft laws and other regulations if and when so authorized by both Houses of the BiH PA;
 - j) Under Article 11 of the Rules of Procedure, consider motions for lifting immunity and propose relevant decisions to the House with respect to immunity.
- (2) The Committee shall consider issues which pertain to: the legal system, the electoral system, the BiH Council of Ministers, public holidays at the state level, the coat of arms, the flag and the state anthem of BiH, the seal of BiH, state administration, the implementation of international and national criminal legislation and other issues within the

House's scope of responsibility which do not fall within the scope of other committees.

Article 27

(The Committee on Foreign and Trade Policy, Customs, Transportation and Communications)

- (1) The Committee on Foreign and Trade Policy, Customs, Transportation and Communications shall:
 - a) monitor the implementation of the foreign policy of the BiH Presidency and the BiH Council of Ministers;
 - b) consider issues of cooperation between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the United Nations and the international community as a whole;
 - c) consider issues of inter-parliamentary cooperation with the appropriate committees of parliaments in other countries;
 - d) consider issues of cooperation with the Council of Europe, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Central European Initiative and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe as well as other international organizations;
 - e) consider issues of cooperation with the institutions of BiH that are responsible for foreign affairs and international relations;
 - f) consider the activities of permanent or ad hoc delegations of the BiH PA to inter-parliamentary institutions;
 - g) consider issues relevant to ratification of international treaties, agreements and conventions;
 - h) consider issues regarding the cancellation of international treaties, agreements and conventions;
 - i) consider issues which refer to foreign trade policy;
 - j) consider issues regarding international trade agreements;

- k) consider issues regarding customs policy;
 - l) consider issues regarding tariffs, regulations and laws within its own scope;
 - m) consider issues regarding Bosnia and Herzegovina's international commitments;
 - n) consider relations with international trade institutions;
 - o) consider issues regarding travel documents;
 - p) consider issues regarding residence and movement of aliens;
 - r) consider issues regarding the formation and functioning of mutual and international communications;
 - s) consider issues regarding the regulation of inter-entity transportation;
 - t) consider issues regarding air traffic control;
 - u) consider issues regarding broadcasting frequency control.
- (2) The Committee shall also consider other issues within the area of international and foreign affairs, foreign trade, customs, transportation and communications.

Article 28

(The Committee on Finance and Budget)

- (1) The Committee on Finance and Budget shall consider issues which relate to:
- a) the BiH Central Bank;
 - b) the banking system, except for banking policy;
 - c) foreign debt;
 - d) the funding of the institutions of BiH - taxation, debt accumulation or accumulation of other resources;
 - e) the functioning of the financial institutions at the level of Bosnia and Herzegovina;

- f) regulations pertaining to finance and budget;
 - g) the execution and oversight of the budget of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
 - h) reports referred to in Article 168 (2);
 - i) decisions on debt accumulation, public loans and other financial liabilities of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
 - j) reports of the BiH Audit Office.
- (2) The Committee shall, in cooperation with the appropriate body of the House of Representatives, prepare and submit the budget of the House and the joint budget of the BiH PA to the BiH Council of Ministers before September 15 each year in order that the BiH PA budgets are included in the draft law on the budget of the institutions of BiH for the next year.
- (3) The Committee shall also consider other issues regarding finance and the budget under these Rules of Procedure.

Article 29

(Ad Hoc Committees of the House)

- (1) The House may establish, upon a proposal from delegates or from the People's caucuses, ad hoc committees, or, upon proposals from the House of Representatives, interim joint committees regarding:
- a) the execution or preparation of a draft law, act or subject;
 - b) the establishment of investigative committees.
- (2) The proponent of an ad hoc committee shall propose objectives and tasks of the committee.
- (3) The tasks and the composition of the committee shall be determined by the House.

Section D - General provisions regarding the House Committees

Article 30 (Appointment of members)

Upon establishment of a committee, the House shall appoint its members. The appointment must correspond to the distribution of seats in the House.

Article 31 (Composition of the Committee)

- (1) A Committee shall have six members at most. The distribution of seats must be proportionate to the People's caucuses in the House of which two thirds of members are elected from the Federation of BiH and one third from the Republika Srpska.
- (2) The Committee shall elect a Chair from among its members and a First and Second Deputy Chair. They shall be elected from the ranks of each and all three constituent peoples.

Article 32 (Cooperation with other committees)

A Committee shall maintain cooperation with other House committees, the relevant committees of the House of Representatives and joint committees in regard to issues of common interest.

Article 33 (Cooperation with other institutions)

In discharging its duties within the scope of its responsibility, a committee may establish cooperation with the relevant bodies of the BiH Presidency, the BiH Council of Ministers as well as entity parliaments and other bodies and institutions at all levels of government, including citizen groups.

Article 34
(Powers of a committee)

A Committee may:

- a) carry out public or closed meetings, independent from or in cooperation with other responsible committees;
- b) summon and hear witnesses from any institution in Bosnia and Herzegovina and may request that they respond to all questions and present all facts and information including those treated as state secrets;
- c) raise the issue of responsibility for a failure to appear before the committee or making false or untrue testimony before the committee under oath;
- d) request a report from any elected or appointed official, officer or institution;
- e) request assistance from an auditor;
- f) request assistance from independent experts outside the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Article 35
(Opinions, motions and reports by the Committee)

- (1) A committee shall give its opinions, table motions and submit reports to the House and carry out any other duty as defined in these Rules of Procedure or the law. A committee shall decide on all issues assigned to it (by a vote in the House), except responsibility for enacting laws.
- (2) A committee shall submit an activity report to the House once a year.

Article 36
(Organization of the committee business)

The Chair of a committee shall, in cooperation with the committee secretary, organize committee business. The committee Chair's powers and responsibilities for committee procedures and debates shall be equal to those of the Speaker of the House.

Article 37
(Chairperson of the Committee)

- (1) If the Chair of a committee is unable to attend a committee session, the duties of the Chair shall be discharged by the First Deputy Chair. If the First Deputy Chair is also absent, the duties of the Chair shall be discharged by the Second Deputy Chair.
- (2) If the position of the Chair of a committee or a Deputy Chair is vacant, the vacancy shall be filled on an interim basis by a committee member appointed by the committee. The committee shall inform the House accordingly.

Article 38
(Convening committee sessions)

- (1) A committee session shall be convened by the Chair of the committee at his or her own initiative or upon a proposal from the Collegium, a Deputy Chair of the committee or at least of one third of committee members, as well as in the case described in Article 37 Paragraph (1) of these Rules of Procedure.
- (2) The Chair shall announce a committee session five days prior to the date of the proposed session. A committee session may be convened at shorter notice for justified reasons. Delegates shall receive the material relevant for the agenda of the session in a timely fashion.

- (3) If the Chair of a committee fails to announce a session when he or she is so requested, the session shall be called by a Deputy Chair of the committee.
- (4) A committee session may be attended by delegates who are not members of that committee as well as by experts in particular fields who will not have the right to vote.

Article 39
(Decision-making)

- (1) A committee shall make decisions by a simple majority provided that there is a quorum in which all three constituent peoples are represented.
- (2) In making final decisions which will not be sent to the House for a vote, a committee shall make a decision by a majority vote in which all three constituent peoples must be represented. Efforts to reach an agreement shall be made by the Chair, the First and the Second Deputy Chair of the committee. If they reach an agreement, the decision shall be put to vote at the committee session.

Article 40
(Sub-committee and engagement of experts)

- (1) For the purpose of examining certain issues within its scope of responsibility, drafting reports or preparing draft laws and other acts, the committee may establish a sub-committee or a working group in which case it shall define its responsibilities.
- (2) A committee may request temporary assistance from experts on a list approved by both Houses of the BiH PA.
- (3) A public competition shall be advertised and implemented by

the BiH PA Secretariat based on the requirements set out by the Joint Committee on Administrative Affairs.

- (4) The Joint Committee on Administrative Affairs shall define and propose to the House a list of experts agreed on by and between the responsible committees.

Section E - The Joint Committees of both Houses of the BiH PA

Article 41

(Opinions, motions and reports of Joint Committees of both Houses of the BiH PA)

- (1) The Joint Committees (hereinafter, the "Joint Committees") shall give their opinions, table motions and submit reports to both Houses and carry out any other activity as defined in the Rules of Procedures of both Houses. The Joint Committees shall also decide on other issues assigned to them by the Houses. The responsibility for passing draft laws into law may not be delegated to the Joint Committees.
- (2) The Houses may establish, by their decisions, upon proposals from delegates, representatives, People's caucuses and representatives' caucuses, interim Joint Committees for the purpose of monitoring, considering and examining any specific issues, as well as for the purpose of preparing and presenting motions for the enactment of draft laws or other acts within the scope of responsibility of both Houses.

Article 42

(Establishment of the Joint Committees)

- (1) A Joint Committee shall have 12 members of whom six are elected from the House of Peoples and six from the House of Representatives. Two thirds shall be elected from the Federation of BiH and one third from the Republika Srpska.

- (2) The first session of a Joint Committee shall be convened by the Speakers of both Houses.
- (3) A Joint Committee shall elect among its members a Chair and the First and Second Deputy Chairs from among the ranks of the three constituent peoples, one from each. The Chair and the First Deputy Chairs may not be members of the same House.
- (4) The Joint Committees may request temporary assistance from experts who will be engaged from the list of experts as defined in Article 40 of the Rules of Procedure.

Article 43
(Quorum and decision-making)

- (1) Seven members of a committee shall constitute a quorum necessary for the operation of a Joint Committee. A majority vote must include at least one representative of each constituent people in the House.
- (2) A Joint Committee shall make decisions by a simple majority provided that it includes at least one third of the members of each House and one representative of each constituent people. Exceptionally, when the Joint Committee for Administrative Affairs makes final decisions, it shall apply the provisions of the Rules of Procedure regarding voting and decision-making in the House. Efforts to reach an agreement shall be made by and between the Chair, the First and the Second Deputy Chairs of the committee.

Article 44
(Activity Report)

Each Joint Committee shall submit an activity report as and when needed, at least once a year.

Article 45
(Chairs of Joint Committees)

Each House shall constitute half of the members in a Joint Committee and at least one third of the Chairs.

Article 46
(Work of Joint Committees)

In their work, Joint Committees shall apply the other general provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the Houses defining the work of committees.

Article 47
(Standing Joint Committees)

The Houses shall have the following Standing Joint Committees:

- a) The Joint Committee on Defence and Security of BiH;
- b) The Joint Security and Intelligence Committee on Oversight over the work of the Intelligence and Security Agency of BiH;
- c) The Joint Committee on Economic Reforms and Development;
- d) The Joint Committee on European Integration;
- e) The Joint Committee on Administrative Affairs;
- f) The Joint Committee on Human Rights, the Rights of the Child, Youth, Immigration, Refugees, Asylum and Ethics.

Article 48
(The Joint Committee on Defence and Security of BiH)

(1) The Joint Committee on Defence and Security of BiH shall:

- a) consider and oversee the implementation of security and defence policy of Bosnia and Herzegovina;

- b) oversee the work and consider the reports of the Standing Committee on Military Matters, the BiH Defence Ministry, the Ministry for Security of BiH and other executive bodies dealing with issues within the area of security and defence and inform accordingly the BiH PA, with special reference to the short-term and long-term plans regarding the structure of the BiH Armed Forces; staffing policy and recruitment; salaries and other payments; education and training of members of the BiH Armed Forces; professional conduct and ethical standards for civil and military staff; provision of equipment to the military; work of the military industry; procurement of supplies and the import and export of weapons and military equipment; material assistance and contracts with foreign companies providing services to defence institutions on a commercial basis; combat readiness; as well as military exercises and operations including the implementation of international commitments and international peace missions;
- c) consider the draft laws and amendments to the existing laws within the scope of the Committee's responsibility;
- d) consider and provide opinions and recommendations, amendments and changes to the proposed defence budget;
- e) consider reports on the execution of the defence budget as well as audit reports for the institutions involved in the defence and security policy of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- f) consider issues regarding cooperation between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, NATO, the Stability Pact of South Eastern Europe and other organizations and countries in the area of security and defence;
- g) consider activities of permanent and interim delegations of Bosnia and Herzegovina in international and inter-

parliamentary institutions within the area of security and defence;

- h) consider and submit opinions to the BiH PA with respect to ratification and implementation of international contracts within the area of security and defence;
- i) maintain cooperation with the responsible parliamentary committees of the BiH entities, other states, as well as with international organizations and other defence bodies.

(2) The Committee shall also consider other issues within the area of BiH security.

Article 49

(The Joint Security and Intelligence Committee on Oversight over the Work of the BiH Intelligence and Security Agency)

- (1) The Joint Security and Intelligence Committee on oversight of the BiH Intelligence and Security Agency shall:
- a) oversee the legality of operations of the Agency;
 - b) debate and issue opinions regarding the appointment of the director general and deputy director general;
 - c) consider reports of the Chair on issues within his or her scope of responsibility, including the measures undertaken to resolve all the problems in the Agency established during inspection, audit or investigation;
 - d) consider reports by the director general on the Agency's work and costs and in particular, analyze the manner that budgetary funds are spent;
 - e) give opinions on the Agency's detailed budget proposals;
 - f) consider reports by the chief inspector;
 - g) request that Agency staff, supported by the Chair, provide expertise and advice when this is required for oversight;

- h) carry out inquiries on the Agency's work.
- (2) The Committee shall also consider any other issue within the area of the Agency's work in accordance with the Law on Intelligence and Security Agency of BiH, as well as other separate laws stipulating relevant responsibilities.

Article 50

(The Joint Committee on Economic Reforms and Development)

- (1) The Joint Committee on Economic Reforms and Development shall consider issues which refer to:
- a) economic reforms that fall within the responsibility of BiH institutions;
 - b) proposed reforms or initiatives for amending laws presented to the Committee by civil society representatives, business associations, union of employers, trade unions, regional development agencies, citizen associations or other non-governmental interest groups;
 - c) monetary policy;
 - d) foreign debt policy;
 - e) relations with international financial institutions;
 - f) policy and program for the reconstruction and development of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
 - g) defining economic policy measures;
 - h) fiscal and credit policy of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
 - i) banking policy;
 - j) statistics, measures and standards.
- (2) The Committee shall also consider other issues within the area of economic reforms, reconstruction and development of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Article 51

(The Joint Committee on European Integration)

- (1) The Joint Committee on European Integration shall consider issues which refer to:
 - a) general issues relating to European integration;
 - b) the realization of the rights and responsibilities of Bosnia and Herzegovina arising from international treaties related to the Council of Europe;
 - c) coordinating the work of the working groups in charge of European integration issues as well as presenting opinions, recommendations and warnings to the working groups;
 - d) analysing the consequences of an interaction strategy for Bosnia and Herzegovina and preparing comprehensive reports;
 - e) the development of the feasibility study and monitoring the implementation of Bosnia and Herzegovina's pre-accession and accession strategies (Stabilization and Association process);
 - f) the process of harmonizing Bosnia and Herzegovina's legislation with the *acquis communautaire* (positive legislation of the EU) once the conditions have been created in the Committee for that purpose;
 - g) cooperation with the institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina (especially with the BiH Directorate for European Integration), the EU institutions and institutions in other countries regarding the issue of integration;
 - h) the organization of presentations on public opinion regarding integration issues;
 - i) gathering, storage and systemic presentation of information regarding the EU to the Committee members;

- j) supervision over the use of EU funds;
 - k) execution of any other activity in relation to European issues which does not fall within the responsibility of other working groups;
 - l) holding public hearings with respect to European integration issues for the purpose of collecting opinions from representatives of civil society, non-governmental organizations, academic society and governmental and non-governmental experts in relevant fields.
- (2) The Joint Committee shall also consider any other issue regarding European integration affairs.

Article 52

(Joint Committee on Administrative Affairs)

- (1) The Joint Committee on Administrative Affairs shall:
- a) adopt those acts which regulate the salaries and other payments made to all employees of the BiH PA;
 - b) adopt those acts pertaining to the amount of compensation provided for specific material expenses made by BiH PA employees; issue individual acts on the salaries and compensation for material and other expenses, remunerations and daily allowances paid to experts and witnesses as well as the compensation of particular material expenses to advisers;
 - c) in cooperation with the responsible bodies of both Houses, follow and consider reports on the execution of the BiH PA's budget and inform the Houses accordingly as well as issue all regulations of the BiH PA pertaining to expenses and the use of funds established in the BiH PA budget;

- d) carry out activities relating to real estate owned by the BiH PA; especially regarding the use of apartments allocated to BiH PA staff and the right to use those apartments. The committee shall decide on their allocation, exchange as well as on one-time transfers of the right to use such apartments in accordance with the law;
 - e) decide on the allocation of temporary accommodation to employees in accordance with the law and acts of the BiH PA;
 - f) issue approval on the Rulebook on Internal Organization of the Secretariat, in accordance with the Decision on the Organization of the Secretariat, approved by the BiH PA;
 - g) make proposals for and give opinions on changes to the organization of the Secretariat;
 - h) define the requirements for the use of official vehicles;
 - i) decide, on the basis of annual reports made by caucuses, on the use of funds and on the caucuses' annual needs; also, present annual reports to the House on the re-allocation of funds, space, as well as administrative, technical and other conditions necessary for the work of the caucuses;
 - j) define the criteria for hiring experts and witnesses required by committees and other working bodies of the House.
- (2) The Committee shall also consider other administrative issues within the scope of responsibility of both Houses.

Article 53

(Joint Committee on Human Rights, the Rights of the Child, Youth, Immigration, Refugees, Asylum and Ethics)

- (1) The Joint Committee on Human Rights, the Rights of the Child, Youth, Immigration, Refugees, Asylum and Ethics shall

consider issues which refer to:

- a) the implementation of human rights and fundamental freedoms guaranteed by the BiH Constitution and BiH legislation by state authorities, public institutions and organizations discharging public powers in cases presented by the Ombudsmen, citizens as well as the entities; also, it shall inform both Houses accordingly;
- b) citizenship;
- c) immigration, refugees and asylum;
- d) implementation of Annex 6 and Annex 7 to the General Framework Agreement for Peace;
- e) development and problems in the realization and protection of human rights and freedoms as well as those measures needed to ensure more effective protection of human rights and freedoms. The Committee shall not consider issues which are pending in courts or other disputes except for unacceptable delays in procedure or obvious abuses of power and arbitrary actions to which the Ombudsman has drawn the Committee's attention;
- f) proposals filed by citizens, in which cases the applicants must be informed of the outcome;
- g) petitions regarding violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms for which the appropriate measures shall be approved and the applicants and both Houses shall be informed about the decisions that are made;
- h) cooperation with the Human Rights Commission (under Annex 6) and the Commission for Displaced Persons and Refugees (under Annex 7 to the General Framework Agreement for Peace) and the Human Rights Committees in the Parliament of the Federation of BiH and the National Assembly of the Republika Srpska;

- i) consideration of issues regarding the implementation of the rights of the child - especially the improvement of status of children in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- j) encouragement of activities in the institutions of BiH on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and encouragement and implementation of cooperation with the committees of the entity parliaments toward improving the status of children and implementing the Convention on the Rights of the Child;
- k) consideration of draft laws and other regulations related to the rights of the child and prevention of discrimination against children;
- l) consideration of issues regarding the implementation of the rights of youth - especially improvement of the rights of youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- m) encouragement of activities in the institutions of BiH toward the adoption and implementation of the most important international documents regarding youth issues;
- n) consideration of proposed documents and reports from the institutions of BiH regarding the rights of the child and issues relevant for youth as well as consideration of preparations for the participation of the delegations of Bosnia and Herzegovina in international meetings to discuss the rights of the child and youth-related issues;
- o) analysis of the reports on the implementation of the Law on Conflict of Interest in the institutions of BiH by the BiH Election Commission;
- p) issuing warnings to elected officials in the BiH PA and the BiH Council of Ministers regarding the provisions of the Law on Conflict of Interest in the institutions of BiH for the purpose of its consistent implementation;
- r) consideration, jointly with the Election Commission of

- BiH, of possible cases of violations of the Law on Conflict of Interest in the institutions of BiH by elected officials of the BiH PA and the BiH Council of Ministers;
- s) preparation and approval of the proposed Code of Conduct for the delegates and representatives of the BiH PA.
- (2) The Committee shall also consider any other issue within the area of human rights, implementation of the rights of the child, youth, immigration, refugees, asylum and ethics.

CHAPTER IV - The House sessions and joint sessions of both Houses of BiH PA

Section A - The Work Plan of the House

Article 54 (Annual work plan)

- (1) The Collegium shall establish an annual one-year work plan framework for the House. The plan shall include the issues to be debated and the deadlines for debate over those issues in the House sessions.
- (2) For the purpose of developing a work plan, the Collegium shall request that the BiH Presidency, the BiH Council of Ministers and all the committees and People's caucuses present their proposals and opinions within the deadline set by the Collegium.
- (3) Bearing in mind all these proposals and any other issue which is already under deliberation, the Secretary of the House shall present a proposed work plan for the Collegium's consideration. Once the Collegium has approved the work

plan it shall share the plan with delegates, all the committees and People's caucuses, the BiH Presidency and the BiH Council of Ministers.

Article 55
(Monthly work plan)

The Collegium shall produce a monthly calendar, including the dates or weeks in which the House sessions are scheduled to take place. The Collegium shall share the calendar with delegates, the BiH Presidency, the BiH Council of Ministers and the House committees.

Section B - Convening sessions, proposing and
approval of agendas

Article 56
(Convening sessions - the Speaker)

- (1) In agreement with the Deputy Speaker, the Speaker shall convene a House session and propose the agenda under the work plan.
- (2) An invitation to the House session shall be sent to delegates at least seven days prior to the date of the planned session unless otherwise stipulated by these Rules of Procedure. The agenda, the materials prepared for the session and, when appropriate, the minutes from the last session shall be attached to the invitation letter sent to delegates.
- (3) In justified cases, the agenda, amendments or changes to the agenda, may be proposed during the session of the House, and the materials may be distributed during the session.
- (4) In urgent cases and at the request by one people's caucus or at least five delegates, or further to his or her own decision, the

Speaker may convene a session within three days. In that case the agenda, as in other justified cases, may be proposed during the session and the materials distributed in the course of the session.

Article 57

(Convening a session - the Deputy Speaker)

- (1) The Deputy Speaker shall convene a session if the Speaker is prevented from convening a House session.
- (2) The Deputy Speaker shall convene a House session within three days at the latest if the Speaker of the House fails to convene a session within the deadline set in Article 56 Paragraph (4) of these Rules of Procedure.

Article 58

(Setting the agenda)

- (1) The Collegium shall include in the agenda draft laws, committee reports and any other item which is mandatory under these Rules of Procedure.
- (2) The item shall be considered mandatory if it has gone through a procedure under these Rules of Procedure or if it is so requested by a unanimous vote by the House Committee.
- (3) The Collegium may also include in the agenda other issues submitted to the House by authorized proponents which fall within the Collegium's scope of responsibility.

Article 59

(Additions or changes to the agenda)

- (1) At the beginning of a session every delegate and every authorized proponent may request that any non-compulsory

item be struck from the agenda and that any new item be included instead. The deletion of obligatory items under Article 58 (2) of these Rules of Procedure is prohibited.

- (2) A delegate may not speak for more than three minutes nor elaborate on the substance of an issue proposed as an agenda item unless the Collegium, at the request of delegates, decides otherwise.

Article 60

(Vote on additions or changes to the agenda)

The agenda shall stand approved unless changes to the agenda have been proposed. In case amendments have been proposed to the agenda, and after delegates have expressed their positions about the proposal, the proposed amendments shall be put to vote by the House. The vote shall be taken on every proposed amendment, in the order in which the delegates proposed them.

Section C - Definition of a quorum, chairmanship and participation in work

Article 61

(Quorum)

- (1) The Speaker shall determine at the beginning of every session and before the vote whether there is a quorum and shall inform the House accordingly.
- (2) A quorum shall be considered to exist if there are nine delegates, provided that at least three Bosniak, three Croat and three Serb delegates are present.
- (3) If it is established that a quorum does not exist, the Speaker shall order a break of 60 minutes during which he or she shall attempt to find a solution.

Article 62
(Participation at the House session)

- (1) The proponent or a representative of the proponent shall take part in the House session and in the committee's session.
- (2) The members of the BiH Presidency may, and the members of the BiH Council of Ministers have the right and responsibility to, take part in the House sessions.
- (3) In case of absence of the proponent of an issue under debate at the House session, the House may decide to adjourn, postpone or hold the debate without the presence of the proponent.
- (4) Guests invited by the Speaker may take part in the session in accordance with these Rules of Procedure.

Article 63
(Participation in the debate)

- (1) Every delegate or other participant at a session of the House may be given the floor by the Speaker at his or her request. When given the floor, he or she will speak for 10 minutes at most.
- (2) The proponent of a draft law has the right and duty to explain the draft law for 15 minutes before commencement of debate.
- (3) Requests to participate in the debate may be submitted before the end of the debate.
- (4) The Speaker shall give the floor to delegates in the order of their notification.

Article 64

(A breach of the Rules of Procedure and the correction of a quotation)

- (1) The Speaker shall give the floor to a delegate who wants to address a breach of the Rules of Procedure or non-compliance with the agenda as soon as he or she has requested the floor. In this regard the member may not speak longer than three minutes after which the Speaker shall resolve the issue.
- (2) A delegate may ask to take the floor in order to correct a quotation he or she thinks was incorrect and which may be the cause of misunderstanding or requires explanation. The Speaker shall give the floor to the delegate after the delegate whose statement has caused the need for an explanation finishes his or her speech. The delegate's speech must focus on a correction or an explanation and may not last more than three minutes.

Article 65

(Compliance with the agenda)

A delegate or another participant in the debate may discuss only the issue under debate in accordance with the approved agenda. If he or she deviates from the agenda the Speaker shall warn him or her. If the Member ignores the Speaker's warning that he/she is out of order, the Speaker can then rule the Member out of order and the Member loses the floor.

Article 66

(Speaker's participation in the debate)

If the Speaker wants to take part in the debate, he or she shall leave the position of the Speaker and take the floor. During his or her speech, the session shall be chaired by the First Deputy Speaker.

Section D - Maintaining order

Article 67

(Measure taken in case of non-compliance with the agenda or the Rules of Procedure)

- (1) The Speaker shall maintain order during the session. All present are obliged to comply with his or her instructions.
- (2) The Speaker may warn a delegate whose conduct or speech during the session is not in compliance with the order or the provisions of these Rules of Procedure.
- (3) A delegate who has been warned twice of his or her failure to comply with the order and provisions of these Rules of Procedure during the same session shall be forbidden to take the floor if he or she persists to violate the order or the application of these Rules of Procedure.
- (4) The Speaker may order anyone who is violating the order of the session to leave the room.

Article 68

(Adjournment of a session)

If the Speaker deems that he or she is not able to maintain order during the session, he or she shall decide to adjourn the session and to continue the session once it is possible. The session may not be adjourned for more than one hour.

Section E - Course of the session

Article 69 (Minutes)

- (1) The minutes from the session shall be presented for approval at the next session.
- (2) Every delegate may make objections to the minutes for a maximum of three minutes.
- (3) Decisions on the justifiability of the objections made to the minutes shall be approved at the session without a debate. If the objections are approved, they shall be incorporated into the minutes.
- (4) The minutes or the part of the minutes that are not objected to shall be considered as approved.
- (5) The approved minutes shall be signed by the Speaker and the Secretary of the House.

Article 70 (Debate)

- (1) The content and substance of the acts from every agenda item shall be considered before a decision is made unless the Rules of Procedure define that decisions on certain acts and issues should be taken without a debate.
- (2) When more than one conclusion on a particular agenda item is made during debate the Speaker shall put the proposed conclusions to vote by order in which they were proposed.
- (3) The debate on constitutional amendments, draft laws and other issues shall consist of two parts: general debate and a debate on individual issues.

Article 71

(The right of a caucus to a break)

- (1) Any people's caucus may request a 30 minute break in regard to every particular item. The Speaker shall allow the requested break provided that the vote has not begun.
- (2) After the break a representative of the caucus shall explain the request for a break.

Section F - Decision-making

Article 72

(Votes by delegates)

Every delegate's vote shall be his or her personal vote and may not be transferred.

Article 73

(Decision-making in the House)

- (1) Decisions shall be made in the House by a majority vote of the delegates who are present and who vote. Delegates shall make efforts to include at least one third of the delegates elected from the territory of both entities in the majority unless otherwise stipulated in the BiH Constitution and these Rules of Procedure.
- (2) If a delegate has not voted "for", "against" or "abstained" and is present during the vote, he or she shall be considered to have "abstained".
- (3) In all cases, the number of counted votes must be at least equal to the quorum outlined in Article 61 Paragraph (2) of these Rules of Procedure, except as otherwise stipulated in the BiH Constitution and these Rules of Procedure.

Article 74

(Decision-making - lack of votes from one entity)

- (1) If one third of the votes that constitute a majority vote are not from each entity or if it is established that a quorum does not exist, the Speaker may order a 60 minute break during which attempts will be made to find a solution.
- (2) In case there is no majority and if the contentious issue is not resolved after the break, the Speaker shall convene a Collegium within the next three days for the purpose of reaching an agreement. The Speaker shall inform members about the agreement without delay.
- (3) If the Collegium fails to reach an agreement the decision shall be made by the majority of the total number of delegates who are present and who vote, provided that the votes "against" do not contain two thirds or more of the delegates elected from each entity. The House session shall be convened for the purpose of voting within the shortest period possible after the Collegium session and no later than within the next three days.
- (4) If the Collegium reaches an agreement it shall inform the House accordingly. This shall be followed by a vote under Article 73 of the Rules of Procedure. If the vote does not result in the required majority the issue shall be put to vote immediately under Paragraph (3) of this Article.
- (5) In case a quorum does not exist, if the Speaker has established a continued lack of quorum after the break or the vote shows a continued lack of quorum, the issue concerned shall be postponed to the next session.

Article 75
(Manner of voting)

The vote in the House shall be done:

- a) electronically;
- b) or by a show of voter cards or by a raising of hands;
- c) or by a roll call.

Article 76
(Electronic vote)

- (1) When the electronic voting system is used the overall number of votes 'in favour', the number of votes 'against' and the number of 'abstained' votes is registered and displayed. All the votes 'for' will appear on the screen as green, the votes 'against' will appear as red and the 'abstained' votes will appear as white while the seats of the delegates who are absent from the session will appear as gray. The electronic voting system registers whether a quorum existed and whether the majority vote, if it exists, contains at least one third of the votes cast by the delegates from each entity. After the vote is taken the results are shown on the screen.
- (2) If the vote is taken after engaging the procedure to seek an agreement under Article 74 of these Rules of Procedure, an electronic voting system registers and shows the overall number of votes 'for', the votes 'against' and the 'abstained' votes and whether the votes 'against' contain two thirds or more votes of the delegates elected from each entity.
- (3) An electronic voting system registers the manner in which every delegate has voted. However, the electronic voting system also enables a secret ballot.

- (4) All the information shown on the screen shall be written in the official languages of the BiH and in their respective scripts.

Article 77
(Voting by cards)

- (1) If the electronic voting system is not functioning or if one third of the delegates so request, the vote shall be carried out by raising voting cards or by raising hands.
- (2) The Speaker shall, with the assistance of his or her Deputy and the Secretary of the House, state the number of votes 'for', votes 'against' and those 'abstained', taking into consideration the need to fulfil other requirements from Articles 73 and 74 Paragraph (2) of these Rules of Procedure.

Article 78
(Voting by a roll call)

- (1) Voting by roll call shall be used when the Speaker alone, or upon a proposal of any delegate, has assessed that it is necessary for the purpose of removing any doubt as to the regularity of the voting results.
- (2) In that case the Secretary of the House shall call every individual delegate and every delegate called by the Secretary shall say 'for', 'against' or 'abstained'. During the roll call vote members shall be called in a Latin alphabetic order if the Speaker is a Croat or a Bosniak and in a Cyrillic alphabetic order if the Speaker is a Serb.

Article 79
(Voting results)

The Speaker shall declare at the end of the voting procedure how

many votes were affirmative, how many votes were negative and how many votes were abstained as well as announce the voting results from each entity, as described in Article IV 3 (d) of the BiH Constitution and shall state the final result.

Section G - The minutes of the debate and recording the debate

Article 80
(Content of the minutes)

- (1) The minutes shall contain data such as the date, place and hour of the session; debated issues; names or official titles of the participants in the debate; the voting results and decisions made.
- (2) A delegate may request that his or her objection regarding an alleged breach of the BiH Constitution or these Rules of Procedures be included in the minutes.

Article 81
(Transparency of the minutes)

- (1) The minutes from the House debates shall be accessible to the public in their entirety.
- (2) The minutes referred to in Article 84 Paragraph (3) of these Rules of Procedure shall not be open to the public except as otherwise decided by the House.

Article 82
(Sound recording of sessions)

- (1) The House sessions shall be recorded and short notes may be taken for the purpose of making a final transcript of the session.
- (2) The Collegium shall regulate in detail the manner of preparation, storage, publishing and distribution of transcripts.

Article 83

(Authorization of the transcript of the debate)

- (1) A delegate may request a transcript of his or her speech for the purpose of authorization. The delegate is expected to give the transcript back once it is authorized. In authorizing his or her speech, the delegate may not make any significant changes to the text or delete expressed thoughts.
- (2) If the delegate fails to return corrections within 48 hours from the moment he or she was given the transcript, the transcript shall be considered to have been authorized.

Section H - Transparency of work

Article 84

(Transparency of work and access to information)

- (1) House business shall be transparent and the public shall be informed of House business on time, in its entirety and objectively. Under the same conditions and under the Freedom of Access to Information Act of BiH, the House shall allow all interested parties to have access to available information.
- (2) The complete minutes from debates in the House, legislative activities and the most important work-related activities of the House, the Committees of the House and the Joint Committees shall be accessible to the public in accordance with the abilities of the BiH PA.
- (3) An exception to Article 84 Paragraphs (1) and (2) of these Rules of Procedure shall be information for which the House, as the responsible public authority, can not release as the House has determined that its exposure could cause damage to the legitimate goals of the following interests:

- a) foreign policy, interests of defence and security and the protection of public security;
- b) interests of monetary policy;
- c) prevention of crime and detection of crime;
- d) protection of the procedure for making decisions by a public institution; provision of opinions, advice or recommendations by a public institution, an employee of a public institution, or any person who carries out a duty for or in the name of a public institution and does not include facts, statistics, scientific or technical information;
- e) other goals defined by the BiH Freedom of Access to Information Act of;
- f) the House shall publish the requested information regardless of the exception defined in this paragraph if it is justified by public interest and any advantages or damages which could arise from that have been taken into consideration. This shall be decided by the Collegium.

Article 85
(Access to sessions)

- (1) Citizens and representatives of the media shall be given free access to the sessions of the House in a room specially designated for that purpose, as decided by the Collegium, in accordance with the available space.
- (2) Committee sessions shall be open to the public except as otherwise defined by the committee.
- (3) A session or part of a session in which the issues to which Article 11 of these Rules of Procedure applies shall be closed to the media and the public.

Article 86
(Reserving the seats)

Except for the seats reserved for delegates, appropriate seats in the room in which sessions take place shall be reserved for the members of the Presidency of BiH, the BiH Council of Ministers and guests.

Section I - Joint sessions of both Houses of the BiH PA

Article 87
(Convening of sessions and chairmanship)

- (1) A common session of both BiH PA Houses (hereinafter, "the joint session") shall be convened by the Speakers of the Houses.
 - a) under all circumstances pursuant to an assessment by the Joint Collegium;
 - b) for ceremonial purposes;
 - c) under exceptional circumstances at the request of the Presidency of BiH.
- (2) The joint session shall be chaired alternately by the Speakers of the Houses.

Article 88
(Invitation and agenda)

- (1) The agenda for a joint session shall be defined by the Joint Collegium.
- (2) An invitation to a joint session shall be sent to the members of both Houses within the deadlines set in the Rules of Procedures of both Houses.

Article 89
(Decision-making)

In making decisions, the Houses shall vote separately and the provisions of the Rules of Procedures which refer to the voting and decision-making in the House shall apply.

CHAPTER V - Activities of the House

Section A - General provisions

Article 90
(Work of the House)

The House shall work in compliance with the BiH Constitution, the law and the provisions of these Rules of Procedure.

Article 91
(Activities of the House)

The House shall carry out the following activities:

- a) legislative;
- b) oversight;
- c) informational;
- d) internal regulation;
- e) decision making on issues of vital interest and its own dissolution;
- f) inter-parliamentary cooperation jointly with the House of Representatives;
- g) any other activity in accordance with the BiH Constitution, the law and these Rules of Procedure.

Section B - The main legislative proceedings

Article 92 (Authorized proponent)

A proposed draft law may be presented by a delegate, a House committee, a Joint Committee, the House of Representatives, as well as the Presidency of BiH and the BiH Council of Ministers, within their respective responsibilities.

Article 93 (Content of the proposed draft law)

- (1) The proposed draft law shall be presented in the form of a proposed draft law with articles. The proponent shall present the proposed draft law simultaneously in a hard copy and electronically in the official languages and scripts used in BiH. Exceptionally, when a member is the proponent, he or she may present a proposed draft law in a hard copy and electronically in one of the official languages and scripts used in BiH.
- (2) An explanation shall be attached to the proposed draft law which shall contain:
 - a) the constitutional basis for passing the proposed draft law into law;
 - b) the reasons for passing the proposed draft law;
 - c) the principles on which the proposed draft law is based;
 - d) financial and other resources needed to implement the proposed draft law;
 - e) opinions of institutions and organizations that were consulted during the drafting procedure; and
 - f) any other information which explains the reasons for enacting the proposed draft law in the House.

- (3) The original article shall be attached along with the proposed amendment.

Article 94
(Debate)

- (1) The proposed draft laws and other acts presented to the BiH PA shall first be considered in the House of Representatives.
- (2) Upon the proposal of the Collegium, the acts referred to in this Article may be considered in the House prior to debate in the House of Representatives.

Article 95
(Presentation of proposed draft laws)

- (1) The proposed draft law shall be presented to the Speaker who shall forward it to the Collegium without delay.
- (2) The Collegium shall decide within seven days to which committee the proposed draft law should be presented and shall present the proposed draft law to the Constitutional-Legal Committee for the purpose of obtaining its opinion on the proposed draft law's harmony with the BiH Constitution and the legal system as well as present the proposed draft law to a responsible committee for the purpose of obtaining its opinion on the principles on which the proposed draft law is based. At the same time the Collegium shall present the proposed draft law to delegates, the BiH Council of Ministers and the BiH Presidency if they are not the proponents.
- (3) The Secretaries of the Houses shall make a proposal to the Collegia of both Houses in order to determine the responsible joint committee. The Collegia of both Houses shall make a decision within seven days from the day the proposed draft

law was submitted and shall submit it to the members and the institutions referred to in paragraph (2) of this Article.

- (4) If the deadlines referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article are not respected the Collegium shall inform the House and the proponent of the reasons for the delay and propose new deadlines. The House shall decide on the justifiability of the reasons and shall approve or reject the proposed deadlines.
- (5) If the House has received more than one proposed draft law in regard to the same issue the Collegium shall enter them into the legislative process in accordance with paragraph (2) of this Article. If the BiH Council of Ministers is not the proponent of the proposed draft law being presented, the Collegium shall present the proposed draft law to the BiH Council of Ministers for the purpose of obtaining its opinion within 20 days. Once the House has received the BiH Council of Ministers' opinion on the proposed draft law, a proposed draft law that receives a positive opinion shall be given priority in the House proceedings to follow.
- (6) The Collegium shall invite the proponents of the proposed draft laws referred to in paragraph (5) of this Article to make efforts within seven days to harmonize their proposed draft laws into one proposed draft law which they will submit to further parliamentary procedure. If the proponents of the proposed draft laws fail to reach an agreement the proposed draft law which was first introduced into the House shall be submitted to further procedure.
- (7) If the BiH Council of Ministers fails to submit its opinion within the deadline set in paragraph (5) of this Article, the parliamentary procedure shall proceed in regard to the proposed draft laws, pending the completion of the procedure

before the Constitutional-Legal Committee and a responsible Committee under paragraph (6) of this Article. Once the Collegium has received an opinion from the Constitutional-Legal Committee and a responsible committee, the proposed draft law which was first introduced into the House shall be included in the agenda for the session of the House. The procedure regarding the other proposed draft laws shall be frozen pending the completion of the House proceedings regarding the first proposed draft law.

Article 96

(The proponent of the proposed draft law - a delegate or the House committee)

- (1) If the proponent of the proposed draft law is a delegate or the House Committee and the Collegium has established that a Joint Committee is the responsible committee, the proposed draft law shall be presented to the Joint Collegium.
- (2) After the Joint Collegium has confirmed that the Joint Committee is responsible, the proposed draft law shall be presented to the Constitutional-Legal Committees of both Houses.
- (3) After the Constitutional-Legal Committees have given their opinions, the process shall continue before the Joint Committee in accordance with the Rules of Procedures of both Houses.

Section C - The main legislative proceedings: The proceedings in the Constitutional - Legal Committee and a responsible committee - Phase I

Article 97

(Harmony between the proposed draft law and the BiH Constitution)

The Constitutional-Legal Committee, having considered if the proposed draft law is in harmony with the BiH Constitution and the legal system, shall present its opinion to the Speaker of the House within 15 days from the day it receives the proposed draft law.

Article 98

(The first phase before the responsible committee)

- (1) The responsible committee, having considered the proposed draft law in the first phase, shall present its opinion on the principles of the proposed draft law to the Speaker of the House within 15 days from the day it receives the proposed draft law, which the Speaker shall then present to the House.
- (2) During this phase the responsible committee shall obtain an opinion from the BiH Directorate of European Integration on the harmony of the proposed draft law with European Union legislation.

Article 99

(Including the proposed draft law on the agenda of the House session)

- (1) Once the Collegium receives the Constitutional-Legal Committee and a responsible committee's opinion, presented by the Speaker of the House, the Collegium shall put the proposed draft law on the agenda for a session of the House which will take place within 7 to 15 days.

- (2) If the proponent of the proposed draft law is a delegate or a House committee the Collegium shall present the opinion of the Joint Committee to the House of Representatives together with the proposed draft law. The proceedings of the House of Representatives shall not commence before the House proceedings are complete.

Section D - The main legislative proceedings:
Debate at the session of the House - First Reading

Article 100

(General debate, principles, necessity of enactment and harmonization with the BiH Constitution)

- (1) General debate in the House shall begin with the first reading which concerns the principles on which the proposed draft law is based and the necessity to enact the proposed draft law in the opinion of the Constitutional-Legal Committee and the responsible committee - the first phase.
- (2) The debate in the first reading shall end with the adoption or rejection of the proposed draft law in the first reading.
- (3) The deadlines for submitting amendments begin on the day the draft law is adopted in the first reading.
- (4) The proponent may withdraw the proposed draft law pending completion of debate on the draft law in the first reading.
- (5) If the House has determined that the proposed draft law under debate is of a lower level of complexity, the House may decide that it should consider the draft law also in the second reading, without the prior consideration of the draft law in the responsible committee - the second phase.
- (6) The House may adopt a conclusion by which it determines

that the responsible committee should have a public hearing on the draft law within 21 days.

Article 101

(House debate when the first report of the responsible committee or the Constitutional-Legal Committee is negative)

- (1) Once the Collegium of the House has received opinions from the Constitutional-Legal Committee and the responsible committee on the proposed draft law which establish that the committee has not achieved harmony with the BiH Constitution and the legal system, or has not accepted the principles of the draft law, the Collegium shall put the proposed draft law and the opinions of the committees on the agenda for the House session which will be held within 7 to 15 days. The committees shall explain the reasons for rejection.
- (2) If the House accepts the opinions of the Constitutional-Legal Committee or the responsible committee referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article the proposed draft law shall be considered as rejected.
- (3) If the House does not accept the opinions of the committees referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article the House shall request that the committees provide a new opinion which will be based on new guidance provided by the House, within the deadline set by the House.

Section E - The main legislative proceedings:
The proceedings of the responsible committee

Article 102

(Responsibilities of the proponent)

- (1) The proponent of the draft law or an authorized representative of the proponent shall be obliged to attend the committee session. A representative of the BiH Council of Ministers may take part in committee business in situations where the BiH Council of Ministers is not the proponent of the draft law.
- (2) If the proponent or an authorized representative of the proponent fails to attend the committee session and the committee has established that the presence of the proponent or an authorized representative of the proponent is necessary, the committee may postpone debate on the issue and inform the proponent accordingly. The presence of the proponent at the next session shall be requested. If the proponent or the proponent's authorized representative fails to attend the next session, upon receipt of a repeated invitation, the proponent shall be considered to have withdrawn the draft law. The committee shall inform the Speaker of the House accordingly.

Article 103

(Submission of amendments)

- (1) Every delegate, People's caucus, non-responsible committee, the proponent of the draft law and the BiH Council of Ministers may submit written amendments to the responsible committee within 15 days of the day that the proposed draft law was approved in the first reading.
- (2) After the debate begins the Chair shall approve, in agreement

with the Deputy Chair of the Committee, debate on the new amendments in addition to the amendments referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article only in the following situations:

- a) when they refer to some new aspects; or
- b) when there is an attempt to harmonize two or more draft laws under debate.

- (3) When the Joint Committee is responsible for considering the draft law every representative may submit amendments in accordance with paragraph (1) of this Article.

Article 104

(Proceedings in the committee)

- (1) The committee proceedings shall begin with debate on the draft law and presented amendments.
- (2) Following the debate the committee shall vote on the proposed amendments with respect to the consecutive order of Articles to which the amendments refer. In case of an exceptionally large number of amendments, the Chair may order another manner of debate, thereby ensuring that all positions may be expressed accurately.
- (3) The Chair shall decide about the order of debate and voting on amendments referring to the same Article, starting with those that imply major changes to the Article. The proponents of the amendments may agree on a joint text for the amendments.
- (4) Upon voting on all proposed amendments, a vote shall be taken on the entire draft law including the approved amendments.

Article 105

(The committee's report)

- (1) The responsible committee shall submit a report to the House

within 30 days from the day the draft law was enacted in the first reading.

- (2) When the joint committee is responsible, the committee shall send a report within 30 days from the day the draft law was enacted in the first reading at the session of the House which last considered the draft law.
- (3) The report by the responsible committee shall contain a report on the draft law and the adopted amendments which became an integral part of the draft law.

Article 106

(A negative report by the responsible committee on the draft law as a whole)

- (1) When the Collegium receives a report from the responsible committee on the draft law where the committee does not accept the draft law as a whole, wherein the committee shall explain the reasons for rejection, the Collegium shall put the draft law and the committee's report on the agenda of the House for a session to be held within 7 to 15 days.
- (2) If the House approves the report from the responsible committee referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article of the Rules of Procedure, the draft law shall be considered rejected.
- (3) If the House rejects the report it shall seek from the responsible committee a new report based on new guidance provided by the House and within the deadline set by the House. The procedure defined in Article 101 of the Rules of Procedure shall proceed with respect to the draft law referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article.

Article 107
(The committee's rapporteur)

- (1) The Chair of the committee or another appointed rapporteur shall submit a report at the session of the House.
- (2) The rapporteur shall defend the committee's position at the session of the House.

Article 108
(Extended debate)

- (1) Prior to the commencement of the proceedings referred to in Article 104 (1) of these Rules of Procedure, the committee may make an independent decision to open an extended debate on the draft law which would include interested groups, professional institutions and individuals.
- (2) An extended debate shall last 15 days maximum. If an extended debate takes place, the deadline set in Article 105 (1) and (2) of these Rules of Procedure shall be extended for 15 days.

Article 109
(Opinions of participants in an extended debate)

Invited individuals and representatives of bodies and institutions shall present their opinions on issues related to the draft law. At the request of the committee they shall express their opinions orally or in writing and shall submit professional and technical work and other materials.

Article 110
(Results of an extended debate)

The committee shall include in its report the conclusions and results of the extended debate and may attach the papers and

materials submitted during the extended debate. A transcript of the extended debate, if it exists, shall also be attached.

Section F - The main legislative proceedings
Debate at the House session - second reading

Article 111

(Convening a session of the House)

- (1) Once it receives a report from the responsible committee, the Speaker of the House shall send the report to the delegates and shall convene a session of the House within 7 to 15 days at which the second reading of the draft law shall commence.
- (2) Exceptionally, the deadline referred to in Paragraph (1) of this Article may be shorter or longer, in compliance with the decision of the Collegium.

Article 112

(Amendments)

- (1) The delegates and people's caucuses may propose amendments which challenge the amendments approved by the committee. At the latest, these amendments shall be submitted 24 hours prior to the commencement of the House session.
- (2) After they did not defend them successfully in the committee, authorized proponents of the amendments referred to in Article 103 (1) of these Rules of Procedure may propose, within the same timeframe, the amendments in writing which they want to defend again at the session of the House.
- (3) After the debate has commenced, in addition to the amendments referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article, the Speaker, in consultation with the Deputy

Speakers, shall approve the debate on the new amendments only in the following cases:

- a) when they refer to some new aspects which the committee could not take into consideration; or
 - b) when they are attempting to harmonize two or three proposals under debate.
- (4) The proponent of the amendments referred to in this Article may withdraw, modify or make additions to the amendments at any moment before the end of the debate.

Article 113 (Second Reading)

- (1) The second reading shall consist of debate and voting on proposed amendments following the order of every Article which the amendments refer to. In case of an exceptionally large number of the amendments the Speaker may define a different manner of debate, thereby ensuring that all views may be expressed fully.
- (2) The Speaker shall decide about the order of debate and voting on amendments referring to the same Article, starting with those that imply major changes to the Article.
- (3) The proponent, the rapporteur and a representative of the BiH Council of Ministers shall be given the floor when they so request in accordance with the Speaker's instructions.
- (4) Upon the vote on all proposed amendments, a vote shall be taken on the draft law in its final form.
- (5) If the draft law is rejected the proponent of the draft law shall have the opportunity to present the same draft law once more to the Speaker of the House six months after the day of receipt of the report indicating that the draft law's rejection.

Article 114

(Lack of harmony and legal and technical errors)

During the debate referred to in Article 109 of these Rules of Procedure the House may determine that the approved amendments cause an internal disharmony or contain some legal and technical errors. In that case, such amendments or articles shall be sent to the responsible committee which shall consider them, change them and propose a harmonized text of the draft law.

Section G - The main legislative proceedings: Relations between the two Houses

Article 115 (Enactment)

The draft law shall be considered as passed once it has been adopted by both Houses of the BiH PA in an identical text.

Article 116 (The Joint Commission for Harmonization)

- (1) When the draft law has passed the House first, the Speaker shall forward it to the House of Representatives within three days.
- (2) If the text enacted by both Houses is not identical the Speaker shall inform the House of Representatives accordingly for the purpose of establishing a joint commission in charge of harmonizing the texts.
- (3) The first session of the joint committee shall be convened by the Secretaries of both Houses of the BiH PA.

Article 117
(Harmonization)

- (1) The joint commission referred to in Article 116 of these Rules of Procedure shall consist of six members, three members from each House.
- (2) The joint commission shall attempt to reach an agreement on an identical text. The agreement shall require the majority of votes cast by all the members of the joint commission, among them all three constituent peoples, and the majority from each House.
- (3) If one of the two Houses fails to approve a report of the joint commission the draft law shall be considered as rejected.
- (4) If both Houses fail to approve a negative report of the joint commission the draft law shall be forwarded to the joint commission for the purpose of developing a new report under guidance issued by the Houses.

Article 118
(The report by the joint commission)

- (1) In making a decision on the report by the joint commission the House shall apply the provisions from Articles 73 and 74 of these Rules of Procedure.
- (2) If both Houses fail to approve the report by the joint commission the draft law shall be considered rejected.

Article 119
(Adoption of an identical text)

If the House approves the draft law with an identical text to that approved by the House of Representatives, the draft law shall be considered as enacted. The Speaker shall take the actions necessary for its publication.

Article 120
(Original text of laws and acts)

- (1) The Secretary of the House shall be responsible, in cooperation with the Secretary of the House of Representatives, for writing an original version of the laws and acts passed by both Houses, affixing a stamp and must also take care of other responsibilities in accordance with the law.
- (2) The Secretary of the House shall be responsible for writing an original version of the Acts passed by the House, affixing a stamp and must also take care of other responsibilities in accordance with the law.

Section H - Summary and emergency procedures

Article 121
(Summary procedure)

- (1) When a proponent presents a proposed draft law he or she may request that the proposed draft law be considered in a summary procedure. In that case the proponent shall explain in detail the reasons which justify the summary procedure.
- (2) The motion referred to in Paragraph (1) of this Article shall be considered at the next session of the House. The House shall vote on the motion following the debate.
- (3) If the House accepts to consider the draft law in a summary procedure all the deadlines which apply to a regular legislative procedure shall be shortened by one half.
- (4) When the draft law is considered in a summary procedure the Collegium may place additional restrictions on the length of the debate and the number of opportunities given to the members to speak.

- (5) If the House rejects the motion the draft law shall be considered in regular legislative proceedings.

Article 122
(Emergency procedure)

- (1) When presenting a proposed draft law of great urgency or a proposed draft law written in such a simple fashion that it may be approved or rejected as a whole, the proponent may request in writing that the House consider the proposed draft law in a one reading debate.
- (2) The motion referred to in Paragraph (1) of this Article shall be considered at the next session of the House. The House shall make a decision on the motion following the debate.
- (3) Once the debate has taken place on the motion, the motion shall be put to vote. If approved, the House shall proceed with the debate and shall vote on the draft law. Amendments to the draft law shall not be tabled.
- (4) If the House does not approve the proponent's motion to consider the proposed draft law in an emergency procedure, the House shall decide on whether the proposed draft law shall be debated under Article 121 of these Rules of Procedure or in a regular procedure.

Section I - Budget and a report on the execution of the budget
of BiH institutions

Article 123
(Budget)

- (1) The BiH Presidency, on recommendation from the BiH Council of Ministers, shall introduce into the BiH PA before

October 15 of the current year, a proposed draft law which contains the budget of the BiH institutions for the next year (hereinafter, "the budget").

- (2) The proposed draft law which contains the budget of the BiH institutions for the next year shall have its first reading in the House of Representatives. After it has passed the House of Representatives, the House of Representatives shall send the draft law with the budget to the House no later than November 15 of the current year.
- (3) In debating the budget, the provisions which regulate the main legislative proceedings shall apply. However, the Collegium shall shorten the deadlines and shall take all other measures necessary for the passage of the budget or, when necessary, shall make amendments and changes to the budget no later than 15 December of the current year.
- (4) Until the draft law on the budget is passed, the deadlines set in Paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of this Article shall apply.

Article 124

(Amendments and changes to the budget)

The budget may be amended in the same manner and under procedures according to which it was passed.

Article 125

(Report on the execution of the budget)

- (1) Following the proposal by the BiH Council of Ministers, the BiH Presidency shall present to the House a report on the execution of the budget of the BiH institutions including information on collected revenues and expenditures in the last budget year.

- (2) The figures contained in the report may not be subject to amendments. If the House has any doubts as to the accuracy of the figures, it may request a necessary explanation or corrections from the BiH Council of Ministers.

Section J - Authorization to ratify international treaties and to cancel treaties

Article 126

(Motion for ratification or cancellation of a treaty)

- (1) The BiH Presidency, under the BiH Constitution and the law, shall table a motion with the House seeking its agreement to ratify or cancel the ratified international treaties, agreements and conventions.
- (2) The text of international treaties, agreements and conventions may not be amended.

Section K - Amendments to the BiH Constitution

Article 127

(An authorized proponent)

Amendments to the BiH Constitution may be proposed by the BiH Presidency, the BiH Council of Ministers, the House of Representatives and any delegate in accordance with the BiH Constitution and these Rules of Procedure.

Article 128

(Introduction of amendments)

- (1) Unless otherwise outlined in this Section, amendments to the BiH Constitution shall be introduced under the conditions

which apply to the introduction of draft laws and shall be considered through the main legislative process.

- (2) If the BiH Presidency and the BiH Council of Ministers are not the proponents of the amendments the Collegium shall send the proposed constitutional amendments to them in order to obtain their opinions.

Article 129 (Public Hearing)

Amendments to the BiH Constitution shall be presented to a public hearing under the procedure defined by the House in its consideration. The consideration shall define the responsible committee in charge of implementing a public hearing and shall set a deadline for the hearing.

Section L - Corrections made to laws, other regulations and
general acts

Article 130 (Corrections)

- (1) A proposal to correct typographical errors in the published text of a law, regulations or a general act passed by the House shall be made to the House by the body responsible for the implementation of the law or the general act.
- (2) The correction of typographical errors shall be made by the Secretaries of both Houses of the BiH PA after a comparison with the original text.

Section M - Authentic interpretation of the law and
other general acts

Article 131
(Procedure)

- (1) The use of authentic interpretation shall determine the truthful, accurate, original and correct meaning of an ambiguous provision in the law, in another regulation or of a general act, which is not clear enough.
- (2) The institutions responsible for the implementation of the laws and other general acts may introduce a motion for an authentic interpretation.
- (3) As soon as he or she receives a motion for an authentic interpretation of a law, other regulation or general act, the Speaker of the House shall send it to the Constitutional-Legal Committee, the responsible committee and the BiH Council of Ministers for the purpose of obtaining their opinions. The BiH Council of Ministers shall present its opinion within 20 days.
- (4) After the Constitutional-Legal Committee has considered the motion and assessed the clarity of the clause for which interpretation is sought, the report of the Constitutional-Legal Committee and the opinion of the BiH Council of Ministers shall be sent to the responsible committee of the House within 30 days.
- (5) The responsible committee shall make a proposal for an authentic interpretation within 15 days from the day the report was received from the Constitutional-Legal Committee, and shall send it to the Constitutional-Legal Committee.
- (6) The Constitutional-Legal Committee shall make a final proposal for an authentic interpretation and shall send it to the Speaker of the House within 30 days.

Article 132
(Adoption)

- (1) An authentic interpretation shall be adopted by the House and it shall become an integral part of the law, other regulation or general act which is being interpreted.
- (2) The Speaker of the House shall send the authentic interpretation to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Article 133
(Application)

An authentic interpretation of the law, other regulation or general act shall be applied and be in force from the date of application of the regulation to which it refers.

Article 134
(Publication)

An authentic interpretation of the law, other regulation or general act shall be published in the "Official Gazette of BiH".

CHAPTER VI - Vote of no confidence in
the BiH Council of Ministers

Article 135
(Duties of the BiH Council of Ministers)

- (1) The BiH Council of Ministers shall be responsible to the House for proposing and implementing policy and for implementing laws, other regulations and provisions the implementation of which falls within the Council of Ministers' constitutional and legal powers as well as for directing and coordinating the work of its Ministers.

- (2) The BiH Council of Ministers shall present, at the request of the House, complete information on all the relevant activities from within the scope of its responsibilities.

Article 136
(Initiation of a motion)

- (1) A minimum of three delegates in the House are required to table a motion of no confidence in the BiH Council of Ministers or to request its reconstitution.
- (2) The signed and reasoned motion referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article shall be presented to the Speaker of the House in writing.
- (3) The Speaker of the House shall send the motion to the BiH Presidency, the BiH Council of Ministers, the delegates and the House of Representatives without delay.

Article 137
(Inclusion in the agenda)

The motion referred to in Article 136 (1) of these Rules of Procedure shall be put on the agenda of the House within the deadline which the House has set in its conclusion, and in any case, within 30 days from the day the motion is sent to the BiH Council of Ministers.

Article 138
(Report by the BiH Council of Ministers)

Prior to the commencement of debate in the House on the issues stemming from the motion referred to in Article 136 (1) of these Rules of Procedure, the BiH Council of Ministers may submit to the House a report in writing that includes its opinion and positions. The report shall be sent to the delegates 24 hours prior to the commencement of the session at the latest.

Article 139

(Explanation of the motion and the response
from the BiH Council of Ministers)

- (1) The proponent has the right and duty to explain a motion referred to in Article 136 (1) of these Rules of Procedure at a session of the House.
- (2) The BiH Council of Ministers has the right to respond and present its positions. A debate shall be opened thereafter.

Article 140

(Voting)

- (1) Following the debate, the motion referred to in Article 136 (1) of these Rules of Procedure shall be put to vote.
- (2) If the motion is not passed, other initiatives in that regard may also be put to vote.
- (3) The Speaker shall inform the House of Representatives, the BiH Council of Ministers and the BiH Presidency of the results of the vote taken on the motion referred to in Article 136 (1) of the Rules of Procedure and other initiatives in that regard, if any.

CHAPTER VII - Resolutions and other acts

Article 141

(Submitting a proposed resolution)

- (1) The House may express its opinion on relevant political issues, social problems and needs as well as define the political guidance to be implemented by the BiH Presidency,

the BiH Council of Ministers or other institutions of BiH by way of a resolution.

- (2) A delegate may submit a proposed resolution. The proposed resolution shall be considered at a session of the House unless the House has decided that the proposed resolution should be considered first at the session of the competent committee.

Article 142 (Debate)

- (1) The proponent of a resolution shall be allowed to speak for 20 minutes at most. Other participants in the debate may speak for 10 minutes at most. Amendments to the proposed resolution shall be tabled in writing, at any moment during the session.
- (2) The Speaker may conclude the debate when he or she believes that the issue has been clarified sufficiently. Once the debate is over the proposed amendments and the proposed resolution shall be put to vote.

Article 143 (Other acts)

- (1) The House may pass declarations, decisions, recommendations, conclusions and other acts.
- (2) The acts referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article are defined as follows:
 - a) A declaration is an act passed by the BiH PA which contains a principled opinion on some important issues considered by the BiH PA.
 - b) A decision is an act which regulates the issues within the scope of the BiH PA's responsibility.

- c) A recommendation is an act which indicates the importance of some issues regarding the implementation of laws.
 - d) A conclusion shall refer to the issues in individual matters regarding procedure.
- (3) A vote on the acts referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article shall be taken in accordance with the established manner of decision-making in the House unless otherwise defined in the BiH Constitution, these Rules of Procedure or the law.

CHAPTER VIII - Information activities

Section A - Delegates' questions

Article 144

(Questions from delegates)

- (1) Delegates may pose questions to the BiH Council of Ministers, to any member of the BiH Council of Ministers and to all the institutions of BiH. The questions shall refer to specific facts, situations or official information within the scope of the responsibility of the institutions of BiH.
- (2) The questions may also be posed to the Office of the High Representative for BiH and the representatives of other international organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Article 145

(Submission of questions)

Questions shall be submitted to the Speaker in writing. The submission shall also contain a statement - whether the member is seeking an oral response during the session of the House or a

written response. If neither of these is stated, it shall be understood that a response should be given orally at the session of the House.

Article 146
(Oral response)

- (1) A request for an oral response at a session of the House shall be submitted in writing and contain one concise questions.
- (2) When the question is formulated in accordance with paragraph (1) of this Article the Speaker shall send the question to the addressee.
- (3) A minimum of one hour shall be allotted for questions at each regular session. Live TV coverage shall be ensured. Responses to the questions posed shall be included in the agenda in the order in which the questions were posed, no later than 30 days from the day on which they were posed. Before the commencement of questions, the Speaker shall inform the House as to which questions have been answered and which questions remained unanswered.

Article 147
(Responses)

- (1) The questions with responses in writing shall refer mainly, although not exclusively, to technical issues or those which do not allow a simple oral explanation. Neither the question nor the response may take more than a standard A-4 page.
- (2) The Speaker shall send the question to the addressee.
- (3) A written response shall be submitted within 30 days.
- (4) Once the Speaker has received a response he or she shall send a copy to the delegate who posed the question. The response

and the question shall be published and the Speaker shall give an opportunity to the delegate who sought a written response to his or her question to say whether he or she is satisfied with the response. Article 149 (1) of the Rules of Procedure shall apply if the delegate is not satisfied with the response.

- (5) If a response is not submitted within the deadline referred to in Paragraph (3) of this Article the delegate who posed the question may request that the Collegium include the unanswered question in the agenda of the next session of the House.

Article 148

(Joint session of the Houses - questions and responses)

- (1) At least once in six months the Joint Collegium shall organize a special or joint session of both Houses: "Delegates and Representatives Ask - the BiH Council of Ministers Responds".
- (2) Live television and radio coverage of these sessions shall be ensured for the purpose of transparency and informing the citizens about all the relevant issues which pertain to the work of the executive authorities of BiH.
- (3) A delegate may pose one question and reply to the response for three minutes at most. The questions shall be submitted to the BiH Council of Ministers at least seven days prior to the date of the session.
- (4) The session referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article shall be convened 30 days in advance and may last up to 4 working hours.

Article 149

(Procedure at the session)

- (1) The question shall be explained in the following way: a delegate shall be allotted three minutes to pose a question.

Thereafter, the BiH Council of Ministers or a responsible Minister shall be allotted three minutes to respond. Thereafter, the delegate may give a comment on the response or pose a new question. The time allotted for that purpose shall be two minutes. The BiH Council of Ministers or the responsible Minister shall also be allotted two minutes to react, after which the Speaker shall conclude the debate and give the floor to another person authorized to speak.

- (2) The BiH Council of Ministers or the Minister may request for certain reasons and only once that debate on a certain issue be postponed to the next session of the House.

Section B - Interpellation

Article 150

(Submission and consideration)

- (1) An interpellation shall be submitted to the Speaker in writing and shall refer to some specific areas within the scope of responsibility of all the institutions of BiH and the BiH Ministries, i.e. to the implementation of a defined policy or law.
- (2) The interpellation submitted to the Speaker in writing shall not refer to the BiH Constitutional Court.
- (3) The Collegium shall consider the interpellation submitted in writing. If the interpellation is found to be substantiated the Collegium shall submit the interpellation to the addressee. If the request for an interpellation is deemed to be unsubstantiated, the Collegium shall return it to the proponent so it can be resubmitted as a question.

Article 151
(Inclusion in the agenda)

- (1) After the interpellation is sent to whom it is addressed it shall be put on the agenda of a session of the House within 15 to 60 days of its submission.
- (2) Only one interpellation may be included in the agenda of a session.

Article 152
(Debate)

- (1) The interpellant shall be allotted 30 minutes at most to explain his or her interpellation. Then the floor shall be given to the person to whom the interpellation is addressed. Thereafter other delegates may, at their own request, intervene for 10 minutes at most. The same rule shall apply to an interpellant and to the person to whom the interpellation is addressed.
- (2) The Speaker shall conclude the debate when he or she believes that the debate on the interpellation has been sufficient.

Article 153
(Submission of a resolution)

Every delegate may propose a resolution under Articles 141 and 142 of these Rules of Procedure within three days from the day of conclusion of the debate on the interpellation. The proposed resolution shall be included in the agenda for the next session.

Section C - Informative sessions
with members of the BiH Presidency

Article 154

(Informative sessions with members of the BiH Presidency)

- (1) The members of the BiH Presidency shall appear before the House at their own request or at the request of the House to hold an informative session on the issues within their scope of responsibility.
- (2) The House may request that the BiH Presidency submit a written report prior to the session.
- (3) Following the debate the House may pass a resolution which contains its opinion or guidance in regard to the relevant policy.

Section D - Informative sessions of members
of the BiH Council of Ministers

Article 155

(Informative activities before the committees)

- (1) Members of the BiH Council of Ministers shall, at their own request or at the request of a competent committee, appear before the committee for the purpose of holding an informative session on a given issue.
- (2) The committee may request that the members of the BiH Council of Ministers submit a written report on the given issue prior to the session.
- (3) After the debate is concluded, or at its next session, the committee may pass a resolution with the committee's opinion or guidance in regard to the relevant policy of the Ministry.

- (4) If the invited member of the BiH Council of Ministers
- a) fails to respond to the invitation by the committee;
 - b) fails to submit the required information to the committee; or
 - c) submits incomplete or incorrect information to the committee,

the committee may launch a procedure for the establishment of the member's responsibility, in accordance with Articles 136 - 140 of the Rules of Procedure.

Section E - Annual report by the BiH Council of Ministers

Article 156

(Activity report by the BiH Council of Ministers)

- (1) The BiH Council of Ministers shall submit to the House its activity report at least once a year.
- (2) The House shall consider the activity report of the BiH Council of Ministers within 30 days from the day of its submission. Following the debate, a resolution may be passed.

CHAPTER IX - Internal regulation

Article 157

(Amendments or changes to the Rules of Procedure)

The House may, at the proposal by any delegate, at any moment, amend these Rules of Procedure in accordance with the BiH Constitution, through the stages of the process applied to making decisions under Article IV, item 3 (d) of the BiH Constitution and these Rules of Procedure.

Article 158
(Regulating issues)

- (1) The House may regulate by its Conclusion a certain issue which is not regulated at all or is not regulated in precise terms by these Rules of Procedure.
- (2) The Conclusion shall be binding only in terms of a specific issue as described in paragraph (1) of this Article.

Article 159
(Conclusion)

Committees may pass Conclusions for the same purpose as described in Article 158 of these Rules of Procedure and also on issues within their own scope of responsibilities. The Conclusions of the House shall take precedence over these Conclusions.

Article 160
(Interpretation of the Rules of Procedure)

The Collegium shall establish, when necessary, the interpretation of these Rules of Procedure until such time as the House has established a different interpretation in the form of a Conclusion or amendments to the Rules of Procedure.

CHAPTER X - Decisions on issues of vital interest and self-dissolution of the House

Section A - Decisions on issues of vital interest

Article 161

(Declaring a decision detrimental to vital interest)

- (1) A decision proposed by the BiH PA may be declared detrimental to the vital interest of the Bosniak, Croat or Serb Peoples by a majority vote of Bosniak, Croat or Serb delegates.
- (2) Such a proposed decision in the House needs the approval of the majority of Bosniak, the majority of Croat and the majority of Serb delegates who are present and voting.

Article 162

(An attempt to resolve a disputable issue at the joint commission or the submission of an issue to the BiH Constitutional Court)

- (1) In case the majority of Bosniak, Croat or Serb delegates oppose the invocation of Article 161 (2) of the Rules of Procedure, the Speaker of the House shall convene a joint commission composed of three delegates. Of these, one is selected by Bosniak delegates, one by Croat delegates and the third by Serb delegates for the purpose of resolving a contested issue.
- (2) If the joint commission fails to resolve that issue within five days the issue shall be submitted to the BiH Constitutional Court which will consider in an emergency procedure whether there was any irregularity in the course of the proceedings.

Section B - Self-dissolution of the House

Article 163 (Self-dissolution of the House)

- (1) At least three delegates are required to submit a proposal to dissolve the House to the Collegium, through the Speaker.
- (2) The Collegium shall convene the House for the purpose of considering that proposal within 15 days from the day of its submission.
- (3) Following the debate, the proposal shall be put to vote. It shall be considered as adopted if approved by the majority which contains the majority of delegates from at least two peoples.
- (4) The decision shall be published and submitted to the House of Representatives, the BiH Presidency and the BiH Council of Ministers.

CHAPTER XI - Relations with other BiH institutions

Section A - BiH Council of Ministers

Article 164 (Rights and duties of the BiH Council of Ministers)

Within its rights and duties defined in the BiH Constitution and the law, the BiH Council of Ministers:

- a) may introduce draft laws to the House and present opinions on the draft laws which were not introduced by the BiH Council of Ministers;

- b) may request that a session of the House be convened for the purpose of considering the issue on which it wants to present its position and obtain an opinion or position from the House;
- c) through its representative, it shall have a duty to take part in the sessions of the House, the Collegium and the House committees;
- d) has the right and duty to intervene in the debates;
- e) may request that one item be put on the agenda of the session of the House. In that case, the requested item shall be put on the agenda of the House;
- f) may request that a debate on a non-compulsory agenda item be postponed in order to take a stand and present it at the next session. In that case the requested item shall be deleted from the agenda of the session of the House.

Article 165

(Representation of the BiH Council of Ministers)

- (1) The BiH Council of Ministers shall be represented in the House by its Chair or one or more of its members unless otherwise outlined in these Rules of Procedure or the law.
- (2) Ministers may be represented by their Deputies and if their presence is related to committee sessions, by Assistant Ministers, unless otherwise defined in these Rules of Procedure or the law.

Article 166

(Information to the BiH Council of Ministers)

The House and its committees shall inform the BiH Council of Ministers on the dates they hold their sessions in order for the

representatives of the BiH Council of Ministers to take part in those sessions.

Section B - BiH Presidency

Article 167

(Information on the House session)

- (1) The Speaker of the House shall inform the BiH Presidency of the date of every session that will consider draft laws introduced by the BiH Presidency - under the conditions defined in Articles 92 and 95 of these Rules of Procedure.
- (2) The BiH Presidency shall be represented at the House sessions by at least one member who has the right and duty to intervene in the debate.

Article 168

(Positions and reports of the BiH Presidency)

- (1) At the request of the House, the BiH Presidency shall express its positions and shall inform the House on issues within its scope of responsibility.
- (2) The BiH Presidency, also at the request of the House, shall submit to the House a report on the BiH Presidency's expenditures at least once a year.

Section C - Other institutions

Article 169

(Cooperation with other institutions of BiH)

The rights and duties of the House as well its cooperation with other institutions of BiH shall be carried out in accordance with the BiH Constitution and the laws.

CHAPTER XII - Miscellaneous

Article 170

(Appointment of members to parliamentary delegations)

- (1) Prior to the appointment of members of the BiH PA to take part in international parliamentary assemblies or other international institutions, the Collegium, in cooperation with the Collegium of the House of Representatives, shall define the number of members to be elected by both Houses. The Collegium shall attempt to find a proportional formula that will reflect the overall composition of the BiH PA.
- (2) The House shall appoint its delegates to take part in international parliamentary assemblies or other international institutions and shall ensure that they reflect the overall composition of the House and through their permanent bodies and the Secretariat of the BiH PA, shall ensure that appointed representatives may discharge these duties toward international bodies in an appropriate and unimpeded way. With the assistance of the BiH PA Secretariat the Collegium shall ensure that the required conditions exist for the execution of international activities planned by the permanent and ad hoc parliamentary delegations.
- (3) The delegation of the BiH PA shall select, within seven days after the appointment of members, its chairperson and two deputies and shall define a work program and inform the House accordingly.
- (4) The delegation shall adopt the rules of procedure which will regulate in detail the rights and duties of the chairperson, deputy chairpersons and members of the delegation, their relation toward the House, the manner in which they must submit reports and other issues important for the work of the delegation.

Article 171
(Groups of friendship)

In accordance with the criteria defined in Article 170 of these Rules of Procedure, the House may appoint its delegates to groups of friendship with other interested states.

Article 172
(Consultations with newly appointed representatives of
Bosnia and Herzegovina)

- (1) The authorities of BiH responsible for implementing procedures to nominate members to represent Bosnia and Herzegovina (for membership in EU institutions or international institutions) shall conduct consultations in the House when drawing up their lists.
- (2) Prior to the vote in the House, the consultations shall be done at a session of the extended Collegium and the Joint Committee on European Integration.

Article 173
(Use of language)

- (1) The minutes of the meetings and reports of the House, committees and joint committees shall be written in the Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian languages. The laws, constitutional amendments, rules of procedures, conclusions and resolutions shall be written and published in the same way.
- (2) The material referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article shall be written in Latin and Cyrillic scripts.
- (3) A delegate shall state in writing the language in which he or she wants to receive materials referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article.

Article 174
(Handling confidential materials)

The Houses shall prescribe by their decisions the manner of handling confidential materials. Delegates shall sign an affidavit by which they commit themselves to keeping secrets after the end of their terms in the House and/or committee.

Article 175
(Display of the coat-of-arms and flag of BiH)

Displaying the coat-of-arms and flag of BiH in the House's conference rooms and in the premises of the People's clubs as well as the playing of the national anthem shall be conducted under the law.

CHAPTER XIII - Secretariat of the BiH PA

Article 176
(Establishment of the Secretariat of the BiH PA)

- (1) The House shall establish the Secretariat of the BiH PA jointly with the House of Representatives.
- (2) The organization and activities of the Secretariat of the BiH PA shall be regulated by separate acts.

Article 177
(Appointment of the Secretary of the House)

The House shall have a Secretary. Upon a proposal by the Collegium, the Secretary shall be appointed by the House.

Article 178
(Appointment of the Secretary of the Common Services of the
Secretariat of the BiH PA)

The Secretary of the Common Services of the Secretariat of the BiH PA shall be appointed by both Houses upon a proposal by the Collegia of both Houses.

Article 179
(Rights and duties of the Secretary of the House)

- (1) The Secretary of the House shall:
 - a) assist the Collegium and the Speaker of the House in discharging their duties;
 - b) ensure that the minutes of the sessions of the House, the Collegia and the committees of the House are kept and preserved;
 - c) take care of the official publication of debates;
 - d) take care of preserving and affixing the stamp as well as publishing and distributing the laws and other acts passed by the House on a case-by-case basis;
 - e) exercise any other right and carry out any other duty defined in these Rules of Procedure and other duties assigned to him or her by the Collegium and the Speaker of the House.
- (2) In case the Secretary of the House is unable to attend sessions of the House the Speaker of the House shall be assisted in chairing sessions by an employee of the Secretariat of the BiH PA designated by the Collegium, upon a proposal by the Secretary of the House.

CHAPTER XIV - Transitional and concluding provisions

Article 180

(Adoption of the Rules of Procedure)

The Rules of Procedure of the House shall be adopted under the procedure established for decision making in the House, in accordance with Article IV, item 3 (d) of the BiH Constitution.

Article 181

(Draft laws already introduced in the parliamentary procedure)

The proceedings related to draft laws and other proposed acts already introduced into parliamentary procedure shall be completed under the provisions of the previous Rules of Procedure ("Official Gazette of BiH", number 27/00).

Article 182

(Draft laws introduced into the procedure during the previous parliamentary term before the election)

- (1) The procedure for draft laws and other proposed acts, the authorised proponents of which are the House of Representatives, the BiH Presidency and the BiH Council of Ministers, introduced into the Parliamentary procedure before the expiry of the House's term shall proceed in a new House from the stage at which the draft law or other act was considered in the previous House.
- (2) The procedure for draft laws introduced by delegates from the previous composition of the House shall not proceed unless a newly elected delegate takes over the role of proponent for the draft law or other act.

Article 183
(Entry into force)

These Rules of Procedure shall enter into force on the eighth day from the day of its publication in the "Official Gazette of BiH".

Article 184
(Cessation of effectiveness)

The Rules of Procedure of the House of Peoples of the BiH PA ("Official Gazette of BiH", No. 27/00) shall cease to be effective on the day on entry into force of these Rules of Procedure.

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Sarajevo

Speaker
of the House of Peoples
of the BiH Parliamentary Assembly
Mustafa Pamuk

Corrections to the Rules of Procedure of the House of Peoples of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH, published in the "Official Gazette of BiH", No.: 91/06, are included in the text of these Rules of Procedure.

AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES TO THE RULES OF
PROCEDURE OF THE HOUSE OF PEOPLES OF THE
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Pursuant to the Article IV.3.b) of the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Article 180 of the Rules of Procedure of the House of Peoples of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, ("Official Gazette of BiH", No. 33/06), the House of Peoples of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, at its 58th session held on 23 May 2006, passed the following

AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES TO THE RULES OF
PROCEDURE OF THE HOUSE OF PEOPLES OF THE
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Article 1

In Article 183 of the Rules of Procedure of the House of Peoples of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina ("Official Gazette of BiH", No.33/06), at the end of the text, instead of full stop, a comma shall be inserted and the following text shall be added: "and shall be applied starting from the beginning of the new mandate of the House of Peoples."

Article 2

Article 184 shall be amended to read as follows:

"Article 184

The Rules of Procedure of the House of Peoples of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina ("Official Gazette of BiH", No. 27/00) shall no longer apply when these Rules of Procedure enter into force."

Article 3

These amendments and changes to these Rules of Procedure of the House of Peoples of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall enter into force on the day following the day of its publication in the "Official Gazette of BiH".

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Speaker of the House of Peoples
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