

**INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE
WORKING GROUP
XXTH MEETING
29 November 1995 UNDP, New York

THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA**

I BACKGROUND

1. The initialling of the Peace Agreement on 21 November is widely considered by the international community as offering a window of opportunity for intensifying simultaneously relief and rehabilitation assistance.
2. At this stage, it is of course too difficult to present any plan for future humanitarian action. The purpose of consideration of this issue at the Working Group should be rather to exchange views on how best we can proceed in light of agreements reached in Ohio and contingency planning made by all of us collectively in the context of the preparation of the appeal for former Yugoslavia for January-April 1996.
3. Among the documents initialled in Ohio there is an agreement on refugees and displaced persons. This document established principles for protection of rights of refugees and internally displaced, reflected the commitment by the parties to take certain confidence-building measures to facilitate this protection and outlined procedures for cooperation between the parties and the UN entities involved in these activities.
4. The participants of talks in Ohio also agreed to request the designation of a High Representative to facilitate the Parties own efforts and to mobilise and coordinate the activities of the agencies and organisations involved in the civilian aspects of the peace settlement.
5. It will be recalled that in the Appeal for former Yugoslavia (January-April 1996) the following assignments to be tasked to the UN in the post-conflict stage have been identified: durable solutions, capacity building/training, reconciliation/confidence-building, demining and demobilisation, specialised technical support, coordination.
6. It should also be noted that the Security Council intends to adopt a so called "omnibus resolution" to approve the Ohio agreements and to establish more clearly the relationship between different actors involved in their implementation.

II RECOMMENDATION

7. Request UNHCR and DHA to initiate the process of inter-agency consultations in order to develop an outline for the future of humanitarian operation in former Yugoslavia in the light of Ohio agreements and relevant resolutions of the Security Council.