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## **RESOLUTION ON PROSECUTION OF WAR CRIMES IN BOSNIA**

Crimes against humanity and genocide have occurred, and continue to occur, in Bosnia. Conscience demands our response. The guilty must be brought to justice. When the United Nations established a Commission of Experts on war crimes in 1992, its efforts were inadequately funded. When funds did become available, according to Frits Kalshoven, the Commission's first chairman, "problems with the U.N. bureaucracy" then frustrated the Commission's work.

Therefore:

1. The success of the Commission of Experts and the International Tribunal on war crimes must be assured. Delays by the U.N. bureaucracy must be discontinued and the U.N. must make necessary financing available. The Milwaukee Jewish Council urges that President Clinton assign a high-level State Department official to press for these changes and to continue such pressure as long as necessary. This official must have sufficient authority, responsibility and resources to succeed.

2. The Milwaukee Jewish Council urges President Clinton:

- to have the United Nations continue the work of the Commission of Experts in documenting overall policies of "ethnic cleansing."

- to have the United States veto lifting economic sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia until all those who have been indicted by the International Tribunal have been surrendered for trial.

- to pursue prosecution and negotiation tracks simultaneously.

- to ensure that there is no de jure or de facto policy of immunity adopted as part of a peace settlement.

- to make public the now-classified information collected by the Department of State on war crimes in the former Yugoslavia.

3. The Milwaukee Jewish Council urges its constituent organizations to visit and write their Senators and Representatives, particularly those on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee:

- to pass legislation as necessary to carry out the actions described above.

- to support the resolution proposed by Representatives Molinari (R-NY) and McCloskey (D-IN) concerning the need for immediate investigation into violations of international law in the former Yugoslavia.