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"Problem of proclaimed sovereignty of the Republic of Croatia on the maritime territory of
Bosnia and Herzegovina"

CONCLUSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

1. Ratification of the State Border Treaty and establishment of the demarcation line between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Croatia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Serbia, are key to the long-term peace and stability of the region, as well as the independence and sovereignty of Bosnia and Herzegovina, necessary in its path for faster social and economic development and European integration.
2. For all activities and negotiations carried out in the spirit of peaceful settlement regarding the ratification of the state border treaty and the establishment of the border lines, which through the fault of the other party, have not , reached agreement after more than fifteen years on the final border lines between Bosnia and Herzegovina and others. Therefore, the competent state authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina must pursue all available international practices and international mechanisms for the amicable settlement of disputes, in accordance with the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.
3. The Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina ought to establish a border crossing at the sea.
4. Enter into negotiations with the Republic of Croatia regarding the establishment and legal regime of the access corridor of Bosnia and Herzegovina towards the high seas.
5. The Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall adopt a statement on the choice of procedures for the settlement of disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, in accordance with Article 287. of the Convention.
6. It is necessary to lobby for the protection of the interests of Bosnia and Herzegovina or to unblock taking steps against the Republic of Croatia and to put the interests of Bosnia and Herzegovina and its citizens in the focus.
7. The Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina to adopt the sea law in Bosnia and Herzegovina and other regulations in order to protect the maritime area of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
8. To build road and railway infrastructure of the coastal area of Bosnia and Herzegovina, by connecting it to the highway and the railway on Corridor Vc, and to develop the maritime affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, primarily for passenger traffic.
9. Integrate the coastal area of Bosnia and Herzegovina in economic and social terms, and in particular in the sector of tourism, with the interior of Herzegovina and Bosnia and Herzegovina as a whole.
10. The regulations prohibit pollution in this part of the Adriatic Sea, which implies the prohibition of pollution from ships, i.e. the prohibition of the discharge, discharge of waste, objects or substances

which could endanger the lives and health of people, pollute the environment and endanger the safety of navigation, in accordance with the Barcelona Convention of 1976 and 1995 respectively.

11. Adopt appropriate legislation and establish a metering station in the Bay of Neum with the purpose of continuously monitor water quality.
12. That the Adriatic coastal part of Bosnia and Herzegovina be protected in every respect, taking into account sustainable development and security in the interest of the State and its citizens.
13. Disseminate the herewith conclusions to all attendees including invited organizations, pertinent institutions, and the general public.

The Expert Team of the Maritime Association for formulating conclusions