

11th Serbian Unity Congress Convention Resolutions



NATO/UN occupation of the Serbian province of Kosovo and Metohija

WHEREAS NATO and UN occupied in June 1999 the province of Kosovo and Metohija which historically and legally is part of Serbia.

WHEREAS the 10th Convention of the Serbian Unity Congress in its resolutions demanded concrete measures to be taken by the occupation force, KFOR and UNMIK, in order to act within their mandate and play a constructive role in the province, and that none of them have been fulfilled.

WHEREAS during the occupation period the number of loyal citizens of Yugoslavia, a majority of them Serbs, forcibly expelled by Albanian terrorists from Kosovo and Metohija increased to over 350,000 and the remaining non-Albanian population continues to be under constant harassment and pressure to leave.

WHEREAS during the occupation more than 2,000 people so far have been murdered, wounded, or kidnapped, which is greater than the number of all casualties in the province that gave the pretext for NATO aggression on Yugoslavia.

WHEREAS the occupation administration fails to even recognize the seriousness of the above stated crimes, minimizing and even justifying them as "regrettable revenge killings".

WHEREAS the overall security situation in the province seriously deteriorated with the increase of general lawlessness, and the sharp increase of drug trafficking, arms smuggling, and prostitution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 11th Convention of the Serbian Unity Congress calls on its members and Board of Governors to inform the public, US Government, and Congress, as well as UN member states on the facts stated above and demand the following:

- Security in the Serbian province of Kosovo and Metohija must be provided for **all** the citizens of Yugoslavia living there. Law and order must be respected.
- All the refugees forced to leave during the occupation, as well as all other people expelled from the province since 1941 must be allowed to return and safely reside in their homes and communities.
- United Nations resolution 1244 must be strictly adhered to, particularly the clauses concerning Yugoslav sovereignty over the province, the full practical restoration of which must be worked towards by the occupation force.
- If any of the above demands cannot be fulfilled by the occupation force, we demand their immediate departure and full restoration of the Yugoslav state and civil authorities.

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Elections in Serbian province of Kosovo and Metohija

WHEREAS during the past ten years Serbian Unity Congress in its resolutions called to public attention the fact of illegal altering of the ethnic balance in the province, including illegal immigration from Albania and forcible expulsion of non-Albanian population from the province.

WHEREAS the ethnic composition in the province further illegally and dramatically changed during the NATO/UN occupation of the province starting June 1999.

WHEREAS the United Nations resolution 1244 clearly confirms the Yugoslav sovereignty over the province.

WHEREAS the occupation force scheduled municipal elections in the province.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 11th Convention of the Serbian Unity Congress calls on its members and Board of Governors to inform the public, US Government, and Congress, as well as UN member states on the facts stated above and demand the following:

The occupation force in the province does not have a mandate to call any kind of elections unless the following conditions are fulfilled:

- The ethnic balance in the province is restored: refugees must return, and illegal immigrants must leave the province. As a result, all the people in the province must clearly establish their citizenship, verified by Yugoslav authorities.
- Any such action must be in accordance with the Yugoslav constitution and has to be done with the approval and cooperation of the Yugoslav government.

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NATO aggression on Yugoslavia

WHEREAS the devastating economic embargo and other sanctions against Yugoslavia are morally unacceptable, most devastating in affecting the civilian population at large, and have proven a failure in attaining any of their proclaimed goals.

WHEREAS the 10th Convention of the Serbian Unity Congress in its resolutions brought to the public attention that NATO's war against Yugoslavia constitutes crimes against peace and humanity.

WHEREAS the severe ecological and humanitarian catastrophe in Yugoslavia, induced by sanction and NATO aggression, continues unabated.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that 11th Convention of the Serbian Unity Congress calls on its members and Board of Governors to inform the public, US Government, and Congress, as well as NATO member states of these facts and demand the following:

- (a) Immediately take all measures necessary to reverse and repair all the damage resulting from NATO actions.
- (b) NATO member-states collectively pay full and unconditional war reparations to Yugoslavia and its citizens.
- (c) Immediately and unconditionally lift all economic sanctions and constructively work on integrating Yugoslavia into the international economic community.

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Elections in Yugoslavia

WHEREAS the general elections held in Yugoslavia on September 24th, despite objective difficulties, took place in a democratic and orderly fashion, and the people of Yugoslavia clearly voted for positive changes.

WHEREAS the Serbian Unity Congress welcomes these changes and congratulates the people of Yugoslavia on upholding democracy.

WHEREAS certain leaders of NATO countries, responsible for the 1999 armed aggression and almost a decade of economic sanctions against the Yugoslav people, have engaged in post-election public pronouncements which constitute meddling in Yugoslav internal affairs, and are counterproductive to an orderly transition of government in Yugoslavia.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that 11th Convention of the Serbian Unity Congress calls on its members and Board of Governors to inform the public, US Government, and Congress, as well as NATO member states that the best way to act in good faith and help the current democratic transition in Yugoslavia at this delicate moment is:

- Meddling into internal affairs of Yugoslavia must stop, specifically from the leaders of NATO countries and particularly in view of their low credibility among the Serbian people.
- Concrete and unconditional steps must be taken in accordance with many of the Serbian Unity Congress resolutions calling for lifting of all sanctions against Yugoslavia.
- Words must be backed up with deeds and all promises made conditional upon the democratic changes that have taken place in Yugoslavia must be fulfilled.

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The situation of Serbian people in Bosnia & Herzegovina and Croatia

WHEREAS the Serbian Unity Congress repeatedly stated in its past Convention resolutions that the political and human rights situation of the Serbian people in Bosnia & Herzegovina and Croatia is not satisfactory nor in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions and international agreements.

WHEREAS these facts has not changed for better in any substantive way.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 11th Convention of the Serbian Unity Congress instructs its members and the Board of Governors of the Serbian Unity Congress to continue its efforts in accordance with the prior resolutions on these subjects.

(All relevant resolutions to be included)

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Relationship between Serbian people in Serbia and Montenegro

WHEREAS in last few years political and economic ties between Serbia and Montenegro seriously deteriorated.

WHEREAS this development led to creation of artificial borders between the same people living in these two republics. Already existing hardship, induced by the years of economic sanctions and NATO aggression, further worsened.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 11th Convention of the Serbian Unity Congress calls its members and the Board of Governors to:

- Request from authorities of Serbia, Montenegro, and newly elected government of Yugoslavia to remove all borders and enable free movement of people and goods throughout Yugoslavia.
- Require from authorities of Serbia and Montenegro to restore a trust in each other and constructively work on building a free and democratic society.