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*Meeting of the Members  
 of the International Commission of Jurists  
 and its National Sections and Affiliated Organizations*

*and*

*Conference on Economic, Social  
 and Cultural Rights and the Role of Lawyers*

*Bangalore, India  
 23 - 27 October 1995*

## *On Bosnian Peace Process*

*The International Commission of Jurists.*

meeting in its Triennial Session in Bangalore, India, 25 - 27 October 1995;

welcoming the intensified process of negotiations towards the resolution of the armed conflict in Bosnia;

concerned that a settlement of the Bosnian conflict may involve the granting of impunity and amnesty to accused perpetrators of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity;

recalling the significant efforts of the United Nations and the international community in recent years to establish the Rule of Law as an effective principle of international as well as of national conduct;

re-affirming the efforts of the International Commission of Jurists in recent years to counteract the pernicious enlargement of the use of impunity and amnesty in the case of those accused, and reasonably suspected, of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity;

equally affirming; the efforts of the International Commission of Jurists and other bodies towards the establishment of a Permanent International Criminal Court with power to deal effectively with genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity;

recalling the establishment by the United Nations of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, with jurisdiction to bring to justice persons accused of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity in the former Yugoslavia;

*Resolves*

1. to call upon all those involved in the peace process in the Bosnian conflict not to purport to grant impunity and amnesty to perpetrators of such crimes;
2. to remind all concerned that lasting peace in Bosnia will only be secured upon the basis of adherence to truth and justice and in conformity with the Rule of Law in the due exercise of the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia established by the United Nations;
3. that any terms of agreement which purport to derogate from the lawful jurisdiction of the International Tribunal will be contrary to international law; and
4. to request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to call this resolution to the attention of the parties concerned, the United Nations, the President of the Tribunal and all other relevant persons and bodies.