

JCRC STATEMENT ON BOSNIA

The Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties urges intensified efforts to end the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina and the ethnic cleansing being perpetrated there.

This JCRC was one of the first groups in the country to call for more assertive American and international action aimed at ending the human rights atrocities in Bosnia. We agree with the Clinton Administration that the limited measures taken thus far, including stricter economic sanctions against Yugoslavia, have not succeeded in curbing aggression and brutality.

We regret that the Administration and our European allies have been unable to agree on decisive measures aimed at addressing the tragic situation in Bosnia. We are dissatisfied with the present inaction of the international community and would be supportive of renewed efforts by the Administration to lead our allies in effective peacemaking in Bosnia.

The United States recently dedicated the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. While we acknowledge that the situation in Bosnia is in many respects different from the genocide memorialized there, an underlying lesson of the Holocaust applies: our country must not treat conflict and brutality in Europe as so distant as to permit indifference and inaction.

We call upon the Administration -- and the American public -- to incorporate that lesson in its approach to the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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