

6. European Community and U.S. Recognition Yugoslav Republics

1. E.C. DECLARATION ON THE GUIDELINES ON THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY RECOGNITION OF NEW STATES IN EASTERN EUROPE AND IN THE SOVIET UNION.

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- a) respect the provisions of the U.N. Charter, Helsinki Final Act, and Charter of Paris, particularly with regard to the rule of law, democracy, and human rights;
- b) establish guarantees for ethnic and minority rights;
- c) respect the inviolability of borders, with change to occur only through peaceful means and by common agreement;
- d) accept all relevant commitments with regard to disarmament, nuclear non-proliferation, security, and regional stability; and
- e) commit to settle questions concerning state succession and regional disputes by agreement.

2. U.S. PRINCIPLES GUIDING POLICY TOWARD THE REPUBLICS OF YUGOSLAVIA

- a) the United States would accept any outcome chosen peacefully, democratically, and through negotiation;
 - b) the United States would not recognize changes in internal or external borders achieved through force, intimidation, or threats;
 - c) the republics must be committed to resolving disputes through peaceful negotiation; and
 - d) the republics must be committed to respecting the human rights of all citizens, including the members of all ethnic groups.
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