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SUMMARY PROGRAMME INFORMATION

WCC programme name:
WCC South-East Europe Ecumenical Partnership 2001

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February-December 2001

Additional background documents available:
WCC South-East Europe Ecumenical Partnership
Research Project – Final Report (May 2000)

Note:

*The use of maps and names of countries in this document do not express any official policy of the WCC.
The specific details of the programme and budgets may vary. Please consult WCC for the latest update.*

1. Executive Summary

The WCC South-East Europe Ecumenical Partnership (WCC SEEPP) was launched in June 2000 following a period of research and consultation with ecumenical partners. The Partnership aims to promote coordination and cooperation among churches, related organizations and other partners in the South-East Europe region, to facilitate a more effective ecumenical response to need, and to promote a lasting contribution to peace in this troubled region. The WCC SEEPP will focus efforts on three priority areas identified with partners in the region: peace and reconciliation; refugee return and integration; and capacity building. The WCC SEEPP is managed by an appointed Steering Group (see Appendix A for list of Steering Group members).

The WCC South-East Europe Ecumenical Partnership is developed in close collaboration with ACT International, the humanitarian emergency office of WCC and the Lutheran World Federation. ACT International and ACT members in the region have implemented a range of major humanitarian assistance programmes in response to acute human need in recent years. The WCC SEEPP forms part of an organized transition from emergency relief to a coordinated ecumenical response to development, reconciliation, refugee return and capacity building. ACT International will retain the ecumenical mandate for all relief-related and emergency management-related coordination in the region. Close cooperation is maintained with the Conference of European Churches (CEC) which is also the lead agency for peace and reconciliation aspects of the programme.

The WCC SEEPP Programme Funding Request 2001 is the first request by WCC to the network for funding and support for this initiative. The Request seeks to raise funds for an initial six-month 'start-up' programme in the three 'hubs'-core areas of the programme, and funding for 12 months for a WCC South-East Europe consultant and for the SE Europe Partnership Fund.

The funding will be used by the three appointed coordinating/lead agencies (Conference of European Churches; International Orthodox Christian Charities; Macedonian Centre for International Cooperation) for the programme 'hubs', to enable new programmatic work to commence. Additional programme funding beyond the six-month period will then be requested and managed by the coordinating/lead agencies, with the endorsement of the WCC¹.

2. Summary of Financial Requests (all amounts US\$) (see Appendix D)

Budget line	Total budget	Pledges	Funding Request
Programme Hub I-Peace & Reconciliation: start-up	39,000	0	39,000
Programme Hub II Refugee Return: start-up	38,800	0	38,800
Programme Hub III capacity-Building: start-up	48,000	48,000	0
South-East Europe Partnership Fund	100,000	50,000	50,000
South-East Europe Forum/Meeting	12,000	0	12,000
South-East Europe Consultant and Office	69,900	25,000	44,900
TOTAL	307,700	123,000	184,700

Tbc: pledges to be confirmed

WCC SEEPP requests all donors to express their commitment and communicate pledges to the WCC Europe Desk no later than 15 April 2001. WCC SEEPP requests all donors to consider pledging to the overall programme and to avoid specific designation wherever possible, to allow adequate coverage of all aspects of the programme.

¹ The Macedonia Centre for International Cooperation has established a 12-month programme and budget.

Please kindly send your contributions to any WCC bank account, including the following WCC bank account, quoting the WCC SEEEP programme reference:

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Address: CH-1211 Geneva 2
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Please specify: WCC Europe Desk/SEEEP

3. Introduction and background

The World Council of Churches (WCC) is an international fellowship of Christian churches, built upon the foundation of encounter, dialogue and collaboration, and working towards 'visible unity' of the churches.

The South-East Europe region has been marked by a series of conflicts and humanitarian crises during the past ten years. WCC and its emergency office ACT International have worked closely with churches and agencies to enable relief and development over a number of years and in all countries of the region. In response to the ongoing critical social and humanitarian context in the region, and the need for a comprehensive and integrated approach to communities, the WCC has developed an ecumenical partnership involving a range of churches and organizations in the region. The partnership recognizes the particular role of churches and of religious communities as a source of transformation, renewal and reconciliation in the region.

Churches and ecumenical partners are present in all parts of the South-East Europe region, and have been actively involved in development, relief and peace-building activities. It is estimated that the church and ecumenical network has been one of the most important sources of international relief and development assistance in the region during the last decade. The World Council of Churches, working closely with the Conference of European Churches, has been at the forefront of the international church efforts to find peaceful solutions to the conflicts and challenges in the region, rooted in local communities and capacities.

The Kosovo crisis and NATO intervention highlighted the need for a more comprehensive ecumenical effort in the region. Following a series of church consultations and encounters the WCC convened an international consultation on diaconal cooperation in South-East Europe in November 1999. The consultation mandated a process of research and analysis which was carried out in the region in early 2000, and which resulted in a comprehensive report and recommendations 'Towards Strengthened Ecumenical Cooperation in South-East Europe'². A second WCC South-East Europe Ecumenical Partnership meeting was held in Geneva, 5-6 June 2000. The main task of the meeting was to discuss the WCC South-East Europe Ecumenical Partnership research project, and the meeting agreed on the SEEEP process and mandated a Steering Group to implement the process and keep the network informed.

The WCC South-East Europe Ecumenical Partnership aims to strengthen co-ordination, co-operation and a closer linkage between relief, reconciliation and development/diakonia among churches and related ecumenical partners in South-East Europe, as a contribution to lasting peace and stability in the region.

The Partnership is established in close cooperation with CEC-Conference of European Churches, and with the ecumenical emergency coordination office ACT International-Action by Churches Together. The WCC staff leadership has endorsed the Partnership initiative.

² Authored by Dr Klaus Poser. The report is available on request from the WCC.

4. Partnership Aim and Objectives

The overall aim of the WCC South-East Europe Ecumenical Partnership is to facilitate cooperation, communication, networking and coordination among church and other ecumenical partners in the region, with particular emphasis on 'cross-border' and 'cross community' initiatives.

The objectives of the WCC South-East Europe Ecumenical Partnership include:

- To assist member churches in the region to establish and develop appropriate community-based actions of service and witness.
- To foster capacity building and human-resource development programmes with the churches in the region, through ecumenical working groups/'hubs' of cooperation.
- To nurture and promote church involvement in initiatives to promote peace and reconciliation, and refugee return.
- To promote positive inter-church and inter-religious relations, and a better understanding of the ecumenical movement and organizations in the region.

5. Definition of the South-East Europe region

Churches and partners in the following countries are invited to be involved in the partnership: Albania; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Bulgaria; Croatia; Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Montenegro and Serbia, including Kosovo); FYR of Macedonia; Romania. The definition of the geographic scope may evolve according to need.

6. Partnership Target Groups

The Programme is aimed at a several key target groups in the region:

- WCC and CEC member churches
- NGO Support centres/Ecumenical partners
- Church related organisations
- Peace and reconciliation organizations
- Refugee and IDP organizations

Note: The list is not complete and additionally organisations might be included, notably Catholic and Muslim related organisations.

7. Partnership 'hubs' (working groups) of cooperation

The WCC South-East Europe Partnership Meeting (June 2000) mandated the WCC and coordinating/lead agencies to develop decentralized programmes of cooperation in priority areas. These Programme 'Hubs' are flexible response mechanisms based on a decentralised approach. **Hubs** (co-ordinated working groups or networks) follow this line: special assignments are given to a co-ordinating agency, which develops the programme in co-operation and communication with partners in other places. The co-ordinating agency provides also the link to other hubs or action fields and encourages local initiatives for an integrated approach.

The WCC South-East Europe Partnership Meeting (June 2000) agreed to give initial priority to strengthening ecumenical co-ordination and co-operation in the following areas, and mandated WCC to follow-up, and the following partner organizations to serve as lead / coordinating agencies:

- Peace & reconciliation (Lead / coordinating agency: CEC-Conference of European Churches);
- Return, repatriation and integration refugees and internally displaced (Lead / coordinating agency: International Orthodox Christian Charities);
- Capacity building & organizational strengthening (Lead / coordinating agency: Macedonian Centre for International Cooperation & ICCO - Europe).

ACT International-Action by Churches Together will maintain responsibility for the coordination of emergency relief in the region and for implementation of related disaster management capacity building.

8. Programme Hub I: Peace & Reconciliation – objectives and activities

Background

The South-East Europe region, and especially the countries of former Yugoslavia, have been devastated by successive civil conflicts, wars, violence and displacement. Over 200,000 people, the great majority civilian, have been killed in fighting during the 1990s. While economic and political conditions and nationalist interests have been the immediate cause of so much tragedy, the long-term solutions to the restoration of peaceful and pluralistic societies will come through the healing of minds and hearts. Churches and religious communities, as significant shapers of culture and of society, have much potential to transform the situation and to promote reconciliation.

The Conference of European Churches (CEC) has been mandated coordinating/lead agency for the Programme Hub I on peace and reconciliation.

CEC has engaged in widespread consultation with churches, religious communities and ecumenical organizations in the South-East Europe region. CEC is developing a programme on 'the contribution of religious communities to confidence building and reconciliation in South-Eastern Europe'. CEC proposes the establishment of a coordination platform of groups and organizations which are promoting peace and reconciliation in the region, with the aim of enhancing common approaches to peace-building.

Programme objectives

- to link the various peace initiatives and projects in order to identify potential synergy effects and to encourage cooperation, mutual learning and support
- to establish communication between the various peace initiatives
- to establish and maintain links between the initiatives on the one side and political and funding organisations on the international level on the other
- to encourage the churches and religious communities in the region to strengthen their witness for peace and reconciliation as well as to support peace and reconciliation initiatives
- to continue to identify needs and appropriate responses in the region (in close cooperation with local partners)
- to bring together churches, aid agencies and local peace initiatives for a coherent approach to peace building and reconciliation
- to support and enable local initiatives.

Summary of planned activities

CEC is giving priority to strengthening linkages across ethnic and religious boundaries, and with church structures as well as related local organizations in the region. Special emphasis will be given to promoting initiatives in the following core areas for programme work with partners in the region :

- the establishment of an inventory of existing (church-related) peace and reconciliation projects
- the development of communication tools among the initiatives (newsletter, website)
- consultations bringing together implementing partners, churches, funding agencies and international organisations involved in reconciliation
- training for non-violent conflict resolution
- peace education
- work camps for the reconstruction of religious or community buildings
- human rights training

- the role of the media in confidence and peace building.
- One training workshop for non-violent conflict resolution co-sponsored by CEC has already started and other local pilot projects are envisaged.

CEC is also working closely with the Balkans Stability Pact structures in Brussels, the Vlatadon initiative of the Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarchate, and the OSCE. CEC was involved as an official NGO participant in a recent meeting of Stability Pact Working Table I in Romania. This has resulted in a proposed joint initiative of the Stability Pact, the Vlatadon initiative, COMECE and CEC to prepare a meeting of religious representatives from the region in order to review projects and funding possibilities. Together with the OSCE, CEC investigated plans for a meeting of religious representatives in the Mitrovica area. CEC joined a training workshop of the Vlatadon initiative on the role of the media.

Funding request

A regional partner consultation on peace and reconciliation was organised by CEC is scheduled for 21-23 February 2001 in Skopje, involving representatives of agencies, churches and peace building initiatives which are active in the region. A comprehensive programme plan is being finalized by CEC based on the consultation.

In order to facilitate the programme coordination with the Geneva Secretariat, CEC has contracted an additional staff person (part-time) in the region as a local facilitator.

Funding in 2001 is sought for the communication and consultation process, and for the employment of a local coordinator and related costs. Further limited funding is requested to immediately support selected reconciliation pilot projects and communication initiatives in the region. Further programmatic funding will be requested directly by the coordinating/lead agency to donors. A detailed programme proposal and budget will be available on request.

9. Programme Hub II: Return, Repatriation & Integration – objectives and activities

Background

The successive conflicts in the former Yugoslavia have resulted in massive displacement of populations. According to UNHCR³, the total for Bosnia and Herzegovina (mainly internally displaced) is over 1.1 million people. The current caseload of refugees (mainly from neighbouring republics) and internally displaced persons in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is estimated as 1.6 million people. The most recent IDPs in Serbia are ethnic Serbs (145,000 in Serbia alone) and Roma or "Egyptians" (12,000 in Serbia and Montenegro) who left Kosovo in fear of reprisal by the Albanian majority once Serb forces had withdrawn from the province in June 1999. Within Kosovo the number of internally displaced is estimated to be about 350,000. These figures do not include the many people who have resettled or who have temporary protection in third countries.

International Orthodox Christian Charities and Philanthropy (the humanitarian organization of the Serbian Orthodox Church) have been mandated as joint coordinating/lead agency for Programme Hub II on return, repatriation and integration of refugees and displaced persons.

IOCC and Philanthropy convened a first meeting of partners interested in involvement in the return hub in Banja Luka on 10-11 November 2000 for a meeting on 'Return, Repatriation & Integration'. Full notes and participant contact list are available on request from IOCC. The Consultation surveyed existing ecumenical initiatives with refugees and IDPs throughout the region, and analyzed obstacles, and identified priority actions for further programmatic cooperation. The consultation recognized the need to encourage local-level religious faith leaders to advocate for acceptance & reconciliation, and the need to have local level

³ *Statistics on refugees and others of concern to UNHCR* (as of Dec. 1999), *State of the World's Refugees 2000*, UNHCR/OUP, 2000

religious faith leaders working together at community level. The consultation also emphasized that the needs of the local vulnerable population in areas of return must also be addressed. Consultation participants agreed by consensus to form a 'Steering Group' to guide the Hub process in the future and continue the work of the group between SEEP broader consultations.

Representatives/Membership of Return, Repatriation and Integration Hub Steering Group:

- International Orthodox Christian Charities (Co-Covenor)
- Philanthropy (Co-Covenor)
- Lutheran World Federation/World Service
- Church World Service
- Christian Information Service
- Ecumenical Humanitarian Organization
- United Methodist Committee on Relief
- Serb Democratic Forum
- Coordinacia

The Steering Group will meet approximately 3 times per year in the SEE region. Monthly electronic updates on the work of the Hub and related matters will be ensured.

Programme objectives

- To promote Return, Repatriation and Integration of refugees and IDPs in the region
- To facilitate joint, effective ecumenical programmatic action in favour of refugees and IDPs
- To strengthen the capacity and participation of refugee and IDP organizations in the process of return
- To advocate for regional and international awareness and just political environment in favour of return

Summary of planned activities

The Steering Group will coordinate, facilitate and initiate individual or collaborative activities in the following areas:

- Analysis & Planning of Return, Repatriation and Integration of refugees and IDPs
- Communications & Liaison relating to Return, Repatriation and Integration of refugees and IDPs
- Program Coordination of individual organizations on Return, Repatriation and Integration of refugees and IDPs
- Advocacy on for just Return, Repatriation and Integration of refugees and IDPs
- Evaluation & Impact Assessment

The steering group will ensure full cooperation and liaison with the envisioned WCC-SEEP consultant, as well as with the other SEEP Hub structures for Capacity Development and Peace/Reconciliation. Steering group members will ensure coordination and information sharing with OHR, RRTF, OSCE, UNHCR, local government structures, religious faith leaders and other similar structures. Steering group will ensure visibility of Hub activities, and needs related to return/repatriation/integration; as well as promotion of the Hub goals and objectives.

Funding request

In order to facilitate the programme coordination with in Belgrade, IOCC/Philanthropy intends to second an additional staff person in the region as a local facilitator.

Funding in 2001 is sought for a start-up communication and consultation process, the employment of a local coordinator and related costs, and for pilot project support. Further

programmatic funding will be requested directly by the coordinating/lead agency to donors. A detailed programme proposal and budget will be available on request.

10. Programme Hub III: Capacity Building – objectives and activities

NB The hub programme is for 12 months

Background

All of the countries in the South East Europe are in a process of transition from communism to democracy. In some (Bosnia & Herzegovina, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia–Kosovo) there is still evident war damage. All suffer from serious economic crises that result in unemployment (22% in Croatia, 33% in Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, 70% in Kosovo), enormous brain drain (67% of university graduates in Albania prefer to emigrate than to stay in the country) and grave social problems (every fifth citizen in Macedonia and Romania lives below the social minimum).

Although civil society organisations during communism were either prohibited (Romania) or state controlled (ex-Yugoslavia), after the political changes the concept of civil society experienced an enthusiastic reception. The collapse of communism released a strong social force. A large number of NGOs are officially existing in all of the countries. The concepts of civil society are often imported, even imposed by foreign NGOs and donor agencies. This, in addition to the culturally biased suspicion of the wider public sometimes contributes to large confusion on the role and importance of the third sector in the young democracies.

The Macedonian Centre for International Coordination (MCIC) in collaboration with ICCO (Europe Desk) has been mandated coordinating/lead agency for the Programme Hub III on capacity building.

Programme objectives

The Macedonia Centre for International Coordination together with ICCO (Europe Desk) have proposed developing an alliance which fosters capacity building activities with ecumenical partners in South-East Europe. The programme purpose is to build capacity of the ecumenical partners in SEE. WCC SEEPP network (alliance) on capacity building will foster the relevant, effective, accessible, affordable and sustainable package of capacity building services.

Specific tasks identified by MCIC in consultation with partners include:

- Identification of local partners and involved organisations;
- Planning of capacity building activities
- Development of training curricula
- Implementation of the training and other capacity building activities

Summary of planned activities

All activities are to be developed on basis of the existing capacity building needs. In order to provide sustainability, NGO support centres professionals will be trained for training on a toolbox of management and community awareness topics. These trainees will later form a pool of trainers and consultants to be used by the programme (for the training of the church-related organisations, backstopping and consultancy etc.) and by their respective organisations. Certain exchange of information and inter-action will be provided. This way, sustainable development of the human resource in the region will be secured. MCIC has engaged in a process of research, consultation and analysis with partners on capacity-building needs. A meeting of ecumenical partners involved in capacity building to further define the partners' roles, benefits and responsibilities is anticipated during early 2001.

Planned annual activities include training courses for partners in the region; short-term organizational consultancies; and exchange visits among partners in the region. Areas of expertise which will be included in the programme/hub include: institutional development; sustainable development; gender and development; conflict awareness and management.

Capacity building activities

According to the mission reports analysed for this programme, there is a certain difference in the level of institutional and organisational development of the NGO support organisations and church related organisations. In order to provide relevant training to both type of organisations and also in order to bridge the gap, the two different types of trainings will be offered during the initial 12-month intervention:

- two tailor made trainings (5-10 days, 12-16 participants each) for NGO support structures/ecumenical partners
- one tailor made training (3-5 days, 12-16 participants) for church related organisations delivered by the trained NGO support structures/ecumenical partners mentioned above.

The trainees of the training for NGO support structures will form a pool of trainers to be used in training of the church related organisations and the backstopping/consultancy missions.

The possible topics for the tailor made trainings, adjusted to the relevant level of the participants, could be:

- Networking, advocacy and lobbying (aimed and NGO managers and decision makers)
- Advanced NGO management, PCM, ID/OS, Strategic positioning, HRM (NGO professionals)
- Community awareness (NGO managers, project managers, decision makers)
- Gender in development (NGO managers, project managers)
- Training for Trainers and Training Needs Assessment, Basic and Advanced (for trainers and trainees to be)

The other activities to be prepared and planned in this period are:

- Ten short-term backstopping consultancy missions (3-5 days each)
- Ten exchange visits (2-5 days each)
- Data-base of local partners / web for info exchange

Funding request

MCIC is seeking funds for the entire annual (12 month) programme, including the coordinator and all programmatic activities. A full-time coordinator for the hub will be employed based in MCIC. A detailed programme proposal and budget is available on request from MCIC.

11. WCC South-East Europe Partnership Fund

A small grants 'WCC South-East Europe Partnership Fund' to promote cooperation and local church/diaconal initiatives across confessional, entity and national borders in the region will be initiated within the framework of the South-East Europe Ecumenical Partnership.

The Partnership Fund will seek to visibly support new local initiatives, and will encourage projects which correspond to the objectives of the WCC South-East Europe Ecumenical Partnership, and the priorities of : peace and reconciliation ; capacity building ; return of refugees and IDPs. The target group for the fund will be church and ecumenical partners that cannot normally access alternative ecumenical funding, or which propose initiatives which

are outside of the scope of their regular plans. The fund will give priority to creative, grass-roots initiatives which seek to enhance cooperation, integration and exchange of ideas and people across the South-East Europe region. Grant allocations will not normally be over US\$ 5,000 per application. The fund is expected to continue functioning for 3 years.

Specific criteria, screening methodologies and administrative guidelines will be drawn up and published in local languages. The Partnership Fund is being launched in the early part of 2001, and may be administratively based with the WCC Ecumenical Women's Solidarity in Croatia, as an experienced and official project management office of the WCC.

The 2001 target is to raise US\$100,000 for the fund. This amount will include a percentage for related administrative costs.

12. South-East Europe Ecumenical Partnership Meeting / Forum

An occasional South-East Europe Ecumenical Partnership Meeting/Forum will be convened by WCC and the appointed Steering Group, with the purpose of reviewing/evaluating the process and of joint planning of further common actions.

The broader meeting would involve a representatives of local churches and organizations. The next Ecumenical Partnership Meeting/Forum will be decided by the SEEEP Steering Group. Funds will be sought to cover the costs of a larger forum meeting either in late 2001 or 2002.

13. WCC South-East Europe Consultant

WCC will recruit a consultant to work with the South-East Europe Ecumenical Partnership. The position is known as the 'WCC South-East Europe Consultant'. The consultant is based in the South-East Europe region (initially Skopje and subsequently Belgrade). The consultancy will be full-time for a period of 12 months, renewable to 24 months following agreement. The position is expected to commence in April 2001.

Duties and responsibilities of the consultant will include:

- To monitor and communicate the ecumenical, political, and socio-economic situation in the region to ecumenical partners, within the region and internationally.
- To develop communication, coordination and networking among ecumenical partners and other stakeholders involved in the partnership in the region.
- To service the meetings of the South-East Europe Ecumenical Partners Forum, including preparing appropriate background documents, setting the agenda in collaboration with partners, reporting on the meeting, and ensuring follow-up of decisions taken.
- To liaise with the three working groups/'hubs' with the aim of facilitating their work, promoting coordination of programmatic work, strategy-building, providing appropriate information, and undertaking other duties as necessary.
- To support and monitor the administration of the South-East Europe Small Project Fund
- To promote and enable inter-organizational planning and advocacy by national, regional and international church-related and ecumenical bodies.
- To identify appropriate local actors and partners able to sustain and to develop an ecumenical network in the region.
- To maintain relationships with other international organizations active in the region, including UN agencies, peace-keeping forces as well as with relevant political authorities.
- To undertake any other reasonable duties as the job demands or as requested by the WCC Europe Secretary and/or Steering Group.

14. Accountability and Evaluation

Accountability and evaluation of the programme will be organized at several levels. The WCC will finance the start-up activities of the three hubs and will have overall responsibility for the South-East Europe consultant. Reporting will thus be arranged by the WCC directly to donors and to the South-East Europe Steering Group for this interim period. The programme will be subject to the usual annual WCC independent audit and no additional auditing arrangements will be made. The coordinating/lead agencies for the hubs will have responsibility to report to WCC and subsequently directly to donors for all programmatic activities relating to the SEEEP. Any auditing requirements will be agreed between the donors and the coordinating/lead agency. The South-East Europe Steering Group will maintain overall responsibility for securing adequate accountability and reporting on behalf of all stakeholder groups.

APPENDIX A

PROGRAMME CONTACT DETAILS

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APPENDIX B

THE CHURCHES AND THE KOSOVO CRISIS CHRONOLOGY OF POLITICAL EVENTS AND ECUMENICAL ACTIONS JANUARY 1998 TO JUNE 2000

Political events 1998

February-March. Violent confrontations between Yugoslav army, Serb police and Kosovar Albanian separatist Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) in the Drenica region lead to 2,000 deaths and the displacement of 250,000 people.

22 March. Kosovar Albanians re-elect Ibrahim Rugova as their unofficial president.

7 April. Serbian Parliament rejects proposed referendum on international participation in resolution of crisis.

April-August. Continued confrontations in Kosovo between Yugoslav army, Serb police and Kosovar Albanian separatists, despite various attempts at international mediation and increased NATO manoeuvres.

15 May. Meeting between Yugoslav President Milosevic and Kosovar Albanian leader Rugova, with involvement of American mediator Holbrooke.

22 September. UN Security Council demands cease-fire, withdrawal of Yugoslav forces from province and opening of direct negotiations among parties.

13 October. Agreement in Belgrade between President Milosevic and Richard Holbrooke on withdrawal of Yugoslav forces, the cessation of hostilities and the deployment of 2,000 unarmed OSCE 'verifiers'. On 16 October the agreement is rejected by the KLA.

26 October. Withdrawal of 10,000 Serbian police from Kosovo. NATO suspends threat of air raids.

16 November. Rugova refuses to renew direct negotiations with the Belgrade authorities.

Political events 1999

6 February. The international Contact Group gathers representatives of Belgrade authorities and of the principal Kosovar Albanian parties, including the KLA, in Rambouillet (France). The KLA refuses anything short of full independence for Kosovo, while the Yugoslav authorities refuse the deployment of NATO forces in the province.

19 March. The peace negotiations reopen in Paris. The KLA accepts proposals but Belgrade refuses unrestricted NATO deployment in Kosovo.

23 March. NATO commences widespread bombing campaign throughout the territory of Yugoslavia. At least 500 civilians are killed, many more injured, and massive damage is inflicted to Yugoslav military and civilian infrastructure.

March-May. Over 700,000 Kosovar Albanians are forced to flee the province into neighbouring Albania and F.Y.R. of Macedonia. Confrontation between Yugoslav forces and KLA continues. UN issues reports of massive human rights violations by Yugoslav and Serb forces in the province.

9 June. Yugoslavia agrees to a full military withdrawal from

Ecumenical actions 1998

10 March. WCC / CEC / LWF issue open letter to Yugoslav churches appealing that everything be done to find peaceful and negotiated solution with respect for identities and history of all peoples in Kosovo.

21 July. WCC / LWF Action by Churches Together emergency office issues appeal for assistance for Kosovo refugees and displaced people with a target of US \$6.5 million.

31 July-5 August. CEC in cooperation with WCC sends fact-finding mission to Kosovo and Belgrade to meet with Albanian and Serbian political and religious leaders. Report appeals for international support for 'prophetic voices' in Serbian Church calling for reconciliation.

14 October. WCC statement on situation in Kosovo welcomes provisional agreement and deployment of OSCE verification mission.

November. WCC co-funds research and publication of a major report of the Minority Rights Group International: 'Minorities in Southeast Europe: Inclusion and Exclusion'.

Ecumenical actions 1999

15 March. WCC / LWF Action by Churches Together (ACT) emergency office issues appeal for assistance for Kosovo refugees and assistance throughout Balkans region. Total ecumenical contributions for relief through ACT partners is almost US\$ 19 million.

17 March. WCC issues message to the inter-religious peace and tolerance conference in Vienna, appealing for a negotiated political solution to the crisis, involving all national communities in Kosovo.

25 March. WCC issues pastoral letter to member churches in Yugoslavia expressing profound emotion at start of NATO intervention, and expressing solidarity and support. Close contact is maintained with church leaders in the region.

29 March. WCC, CEC, LWF and WARC appeal to UN Secretary-General for moratorium on NATO intervention, and renewal of political process under auspices of UN.

31 March. Ecumenical bodies and Christian World Communions issue joint Easter appeal for peace and cessation of armed conflicts.

15 April. WCC, LWF, CEC and WARC issue joint

Kosovo, paving the way for an end to NATO's 78-day bombing campaign. Many Kosovar Serbs leave the province.
10 June. NATO ends its 11-week bombing campaign against Yugoslavia following the start of the Serb withdrawal from Kosovo.

30 June. Bernard Kouchner appointed as UN administrator in Kosovo.

23 July. The discovery at Gracko of fourteen massacred Kosovar Serbs highlights the persecution of the remaining minorities in the province.

21 September. The KLA is demilitarized and transformed into the 'Kosovo Protection Corps'.

6 December. The OSCE publishes two exhaustive reports on the human rights situation in Kosovo. The analysis reveals that 'suffering in Kosovo in the period monitored by the OSCE-KVM was overwhelmingly Kosovo Albanian suffering, at the hands of the Yugoslav and Serbian state military and security apparatus'. The first report emphasizes that 'summary and arbitrary killing became a generalized phenomenon throughout Kosovo with the beginning of the NATO air campaign against the FRY on the night of 24-25 March. Up to that point, the attentions of the Yugoslav and Serbian military and security forces had been generally directed towards communities in Kosovo in areas that were on UCK transit routes or where there were UCK bases. (...) After 24 March however the general pattern changed and included areas that had previously been relatively quiet'.

statement on protection of humanitarian principles and fundamental rights in Kosovo refugee response, following criticism of roles of NATO and international aid agencies in relief efforts.

16-18 April. WCC / CEC / LWF ecumenical delegation visits churches in Yugoslavia during NATO bombing campaign, and issues report on 'Yugoslavia's double tragedy' appealing for an end to the NATO campaign.

11 May. Church organizations support worldwide day of prayer and reconciliation in the Balkans.

18-25 May. Ecumenical delegation visits churches and partners in FYR Macedonia and in Albania, and issues comprehensive report highlighting the efforts of local churches and related organizations in peace and relief efforts.

26-27 May. International ecumenical consultation on Churches and the Kosovo crisis meets in Hungary, gathering 40 church leaders from around world, including Yugoslavia, to discuss common response to Balkans region.

11 June. In a public statement, WCC, CEC, LWF and WARC welcome peace agreement and UN resolution, and appeal for protection of Serb minority, reconciliation and reconstruction in the province under strengthened UN mandate.

29 June-2 July. WCC / CEC ecumenical delegation visits church and religious leaders in Kosovo, humanitarian organizations, and OSCE. The delegation's report highlights humanitarian needs and efforts toward a multi-ethnic and multi-religious Kosovo.

29 July. WCC / ACT issues US\$37 million appeal for post crisis assistance with church-related partners in Serbia (Vojvodina, Sandzak and Kosovo), Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and neighbouring countries.

16-17 August. CEC and WCC convene a consultation of church-related peace and mediation organizations working in Kosovo. The meeting affirms the need for a comprehensive and long-term approach to the sub-region, which enables local churches and civil society partners to promote inter-ethnic reconciliation and tolerance.

November. WCC and CEC convene an international consultation on diaconal cooperation in South-East Europe. The consultation mandated a process of research and analysis which was carried out in the region in early 2000, and which resulted in a comprehensive report and recommendations 'Towards Strengthened Ecumenical Cooperation in South-East Europe'.

10 December. In a letter to Patriarch Pavle of Serbia about the widespread destruction of churches since the deployment of KFOR in Kosovo, WCC and CEC 'vigorously denounce' 'the desecration of these often ancient churches [which] represents a loss not only for the Christian community, but for the cultural and spiritual heritage of the world'.

15 December. WCC/ACT issue a US\$ 53 million appeal for affected populations following the Kosovo crisis. The Appeal covers the whole Balkan area and, all the humanitarian needs that the ACT implementing members in the region plan to respond to in the year 2000, in addition to continuing regional co-ordination. The number of ACT implementing members included in the appeal totals 12, some of which work in several countries/areas of the region.

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5-6 June. A second WCC South-East Europe Ecumenical Partnership meeting was held in Geneva, 5-6 June 2000, and endorsed the creation of a three-year WCC South-East Europe Ecumenical Partnership (SEEEP) programme. The WCC SEEEP aims to strengthen co-ordination, co-operation

and a closer linkage between relief, reconciliation and development/diakonia among churches and related ecumenical partners in South-East Europe, as a contribution to lasting peace and stability in the region.

Sources: Le Monde Diplomatique, WCC, CEC

APPENDIX C

SELECTED INTERNET RESOURCES ON SOUTH-EAST EUROPE

www.wcc-coe.org

Official site of the World Council of Churches. Includes links to other church websites in the region, and an archive of WCC statements and actions on Kosovo/Balkans events:
<http://wcc-coe.org/wcc/what/international/kosfol0.html>

www.act-intl.org

Direct link to ACT-Action by Churches Together, WCC's emergency response office. Includes latest Appeals information for the region and links to ACT members in the region.

www.un.org/peace/kosovo/pages/kosovo1.htm

Official site of the UN Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo.

www.stabilitypact.org

The official site of the inter-governmental South Eastern Europe Stability Pact.

www.seerecon.org

The official European Union/World Bank website for Economic Reconstruction and Development in South East Europe, essential for understanding and monitoring the Kosovo reconstruction programmes. Multiple links to other international organizations are found at www.seerecon.org/ContactsAndLinks/links.htm.

www.osce.org/kosovo/

The official website of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe contains information on the peacekeeping operations and on the detailed research of human rights abuses affecting the Kosovar Albanian population, and subsequently the Serb and other minorities in Kosovo.

www.hrw.org/hrw/campaigns/kosovo98/reports.shtml

The Human Rights Watch site includes detailed reports on the human rights abuses affecting the Kosovar Albanians, on Albanian detainees and missing persons, on the impact of the NATO intervention, as well as the situation of Serb and other minorities in Kosovo.

www.nato.int

Official detail on the military operations in the Balkans region.

www.serbia-info.com

Official website of the Serbian Ministry of Information.

www.alb-net.com/index.htm

Kosovar Albanian site with archives and multiple links.

www.monde-diplomatique.fr/cahier/kosovo/rambouillet-en

Comprehensive and impartial analysis of the Kosovo crisis (in French), including the full official text of the failed Rambouillet conference interim agreement on Kosovo (in English).

www.reliefweb.int

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) seeks to strengthen the response capacity of the humanitarian relief community through the timely

dissemination of reliable information on prevention, preparedness and disaster response.
Multiple links relating to Kosovo.

www.spc.yu

Official website of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

www.orthodoxalbania.org

Official website of the Albanian Orthodox Church.

www.decani.yunet.com

www.kosovo.com

Websites of the Serbian Orthodox diocese in Kosovo and Metohija. It serves as a starting point for a wealth of other sites. www.decani.yunet.com/destruction.html includes material on the destruction of Serbian Orthodox churches in Kosovo since June 1999.

www.egroups.com/group/decani/

A search engine / archive of press clippings relating to the Kosovo crisis.

www.incommunion.org/nato.htm

This section of the Orthodox Peace Fellowship web site is chiefly for church-related statements related to the Kosovo crisis, as well as a range of information on Orthodox and other peace initiatives.

APPENDIX D

PROGRAMME BUDGETS 2001 (ALL AMOUNTS IN US\$)

1. Programme Hub I: Peace and Reconciliation: start-up budget
February-July 2001

Item/activity	Unit	Cost	Total budget
Hub Support Officer (local) salary, insurance and related (50% time)	month	1000	6000
Consultant travel (regional)	month	500	3000
Office rent and supplies	month	500	3000
Communication (general)	month	250	1500
Website creation	lumpsum	3000	3000
Representation	month	250	1500
Use of vehicle and related	month	250	1500
Computer and related	lumpsum	4000	4000
Mobile phone and camera	lumpsum	500	500
Pilot project support	lumpsum	15000	15000
TOTAL			39,000

2. Programme Hub II: Return, Repatriation and Integration: start-up budget
February-July 2001

Item/activity	Unit	Cost	Total budget
Hub Support Officer (local)	month	1500	9000
Local Staff Insurance	lumpsum	2000	2000
Travel and related	month	600	4000
Office supplies	month	50	300
Communication	month	500	3000
Representation	month	100	600
Vehicle purchase (new or used)	lumpsum	12000	12000
Vehicle use and maintenance	month	400	2400
Vehicle insurance	lumpsum	1000	1000
Computer purchase and related	lumpsum	4000	4000
Mobile phone and camera	lumpsum	500	500
TOTAL			38,800

3. Programme Hub III: Capacity building: start-up budget
February-December 2001

Item/activity	Unit	Cost	Total budget
Programme coordinator	month	2500	30000
Project officer	month	416	5000
Transport	lumpsum	3000	3000
Administrative costs	lumpsum	10000	10000
TOTAL			48,000

4. South-East Europe Partnership Fund
February-December 2001

Item/activity	Unit	Cost	Total budget
Grant lumpsum	lumpsum	90000	90000
Administrative support	lumpsum	10000	10000
TOTAL			100,000

5. South-East Europe Partnership Forum/Meeting
February-December 2001

Item/activity	Unit	Cost	Total budget
Meeting costs	lumpsum	10,000	10,000
Administrative support	lumpsum	2000	2000
TOTAL			12,000

6. WCC South-East Europe Consultant & Office⁴
April-December 2001

Item/activity	Unit	Cost	Total budget
WCC consultant and related	month	3600	32400
Project support officer	month	1000	9000
Travel and related	month	600	6000
Office supplies	month	50	500
Communication	month	500	5000
Representation	month	100	1000
Vehicle purchase (new or used)	lumpsum	N/A	N/A
Vehicle use and maintenance	month	400	4000
Vehicle insurance	lumpsum	1000	1000
Computer purchase and related x 2	lumpsum	N/A	N/A
Mobile phone, camera and related	lumpsum	1000	1000
Steering committee and related costs	lumpsum		10,000
TOTAL			69,900

7. Summary of budgets/requests

Budget line	Total budget	Pledges	Funding Request
Programme Hub I-Peace & Reconciliation: start-up	39,000	0	39,000
Programme Hub II Refugee Return: start-up	38,800	0	38,800
Programme Hub III capacity-Building: start-up	48,000	48,000	0
South-East Europe Partnership Fund	100,000	50,000	50,000
South-East Europe Forum/Meeting	12,000	0	12,000
South-East Europe Consultant and Office	69,900	25,000	44,900
TOTAL	307,700	123,000	184,700

Tbc: pledges to be confirmed

⁴ ACT International (Balkans coordination office) has agreed to make a vehicle and computer equipment available for use by the consultant.