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Subject:	Serbian Autonomous Region of Northern Bosnia declares itself an inseparable part of Yugoslavia. Decision adopted to establish the Serbian Autonomous District of Birač.

Pursuant to the right of all peoples to self-determination and on the basis of the freely expressed will of citizens, the Assembly of the Serbian Autonomous District of Northern Bosnia has adopted a decision proclaiming this District an inseparable part of Yugoslavia.

In the event of changes in the constitutional position of BH in the federal state of Yugoslavia, the Serbian people who live in the municipalities of Doboj, Teslić, Tešanj, Maglaj, Zavidovići, Derventa, Modriča, Odžak, Bosanski Brod, Bosanski Šamac, Orašje, Gračanica, Lukavac, Banovići, Živinice, Gradačac and Srebrenik will decide whether they will constitute, by themselves or with other Serbian autonomous districts, a separate federal unit within the framework of the joint Yugoslav state.

Until the constitutional and legal position of the Serbian Autonomous District of Northern Bosnia is finally defined, federal laws will be adopted, as will BH laws which do not contradict them. The formation of the government, the election of a mandator and the adoption of a statute will be carried out subsequently.

The Voter Has Chosen

A decision to establish the Serbian Autonomous District of Birač was adopted at a special session of the Municipal Assembly of Šekovići. 27 deputies voted for this decision (only one Muslim deputy abstained), and in addition to all representatives of the Serbian Democratic Party /SDS/, the opposition parties of the Party of Democratic Rights /SDP/ and the Party of Democratic Reforms /SDR/ declared themselves in favour of the proclamation.

According to the latest population census, around 95% of the residents of Šekovići commune (municipality) are Serbs. Villages and local communes with a predominant Serbian population in the municipalities of Bratunac, Srebrenica, Šekovići, Vlasenica, Kalesija, Živinice, Zvornik and Kladanj will soon declare themselves on the issue of joining the Serbian Autonomous District of Birač. After the final establishment of this district, a meeting will be held with representatives of the Serbian Autonomous District of Romanija and possibilities discussed of mutual relations and potential unification.