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U.N. Extends Bosnia Peacekeepers

<u>UNITED NATIONS</u>, Nov. 21 (Reuters) — The <u>United Nations Security Council</u> passed a resolution on Wednesday authorizing a <u>European Union</u> peacekeeping force in <u>Bosnia</u> for another year.

The resolution also urged the authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina to meet their commitments under the peace agreement that ended the war of 1992 to 1995, particularly the surrender of suspects to the war crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

Earlier this year the European Union cut the number of troops in the force to around 2,500 from more than 6,000. The European Union took control of the force from NATO in 2004.

The 1995 Dayton accords that ended the war divided Bosnia into two autonomous parts, the Serb Republic and the Muslim-Croat federation.

Tensions have remained since the war and the two entities view each other with suspicion and occasional hostility.

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