SUTORINA – USURPED GEOGRAPHICAL TERRITORY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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Sutorina is situated in the southeastern territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and for centuries, ever since the establishment of the Bosnian state was in its ranks. Its Bosnian territorial status of the same name is held during the existence of Bosnia and Herzegovina, since the Middle Ages and it is mentioned as a part of the Parish Dračevice in 1377., territory of the medieval Bosnian state.

Sutorina maintain its status as a Bosnian territory after the Congress of Berlin held in 1878. This Congress established the borders of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which are recognized by recent history, particularly during the definition of a republic within the former Yugoslav community. With voluntarism of Bosnia and Herzegovina's leaders, during the communist regime, Sutorina was ceded to neighboring Montenegro, excluding central government and the federal parliamentary endorsement. With these decisions Sutorina exists as usurped territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina and due to this facts it should not be ratified by upcoming interstate delimitation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the neighboring Republic of Montenegro.

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