

## **Media Advisory: Conference Aims to Put Economic Issues Back at Centre of BiH Public Debate**

Prime Ministers Nikola Spiric, Nedžad Branković and Milorad Dodik, as well as Brčko District Mayor, Mirsad Džapo, will join policymakers, businesspeople, workers representatives and consumer groups at a conference organized by OHR/EUSR at the BiH Parliament Building in Sarajevo tomorrow.

The conference will discuss immediate steps that can be taken in order to boost investment and job creation and raise living standards.

One of the main objects of the meeting is to help put economic issues back at the centre of public debate in Bosnia and Herzegovina. As HR/EUSR Miroslav Lajčák will stress in his opening remarks, "Reforms that could help turn modest improvements in the economy into full-scale economic takeoff have been among the most serious casualties of political deadlock. This is a problem that the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina do not need to have."

The conference will be opened by Prime Minister Spiric, HR/EUSR Lajčák and the Head of the European Commission Delegation in Bosnia and Herzegovina Dimitris Kourkoulas. The morning sessions will be chaired by PDHR Raffi Gregorian and BiH's Chief SAA Negotiator Igor Davidović.

The three prime ministers and the Brčko District Mayor will participate in the afternoon session, which will be chaired by HR/EUSR Lajčák and Ambassador Kourkoulas.

All media are cordially invited to cover the opening remarks to be made by Prime Minister Spiric, HR/EUSR Lajčák and Ambassador Kourkoulas at

**9.00 on Tuesday 16 October 2007**

**in the Parliament Chamber**

**BiH Institutions Building**

Journalists will be able to be present throughout the morning session of the conference, from 9.30 to 13.00.

HR/EUSR Lajčák, Ambassador Kourkoulas, Prime Minister Spiric, Prime Minister Branković, Prime Minister Dodik and Brčko Mayor Mirsad Džapo will hold a **Joint Press Conference** at the conclusion of the conference

**at 16.00 on Tuesday 16 October 2007**

**the Press Conference Room**

**BiH Institutions Building**

All media are cordially invited to cover this event.