

# Gregorian Welcomes District Assembly Adoption of Key Laws



Brcko Supervisor Raffi Gregorian welcomed the Brcko District Assembly's adoption of the Law on Real Estate Tax, the Law on Amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code, and the Brcko District Urban Development Plan.

The amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code bring District legislation in line with state-level legislation and the High Representative's Decision of 9 July 2007. The Law on Real Estate Tax establishes the first post-war real estate tax system in Bosnia and Herzegovina and is a major step towards harmonisation of tax laws with EU standards and regulations. It will also allow the elimination of numerous nuisance taxes and fees. Adoption of the Urban Development Plan will facilitate the further development of the District as part of reforms to spatial, urban, and regulatory planning.

"All three pieces of legislation are significant in their own right," Supervisor Gregorian said, expressing special gratitude to USAID for its assistance in developing the Brcko District Law on Real Estate Tax.

The High Representative and EU Special Representative asked the entity parliaments and the Brcko District Assembly to make the changes to the Criminal Procedure Code ten days ago when imposing amendments to state-level legislation.

The RSNA has already adopted the necessary amendments to Criminal Procedure Code. Only the Federation Parliament has to follow suit.