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LAW ON AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW ON CITIZENSHIP OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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Pursuant to Article IV 4 a) of the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, at the session of the House of Representatives, held on 22 April 2003 and, at the session of the House of Peoples, held on 23 April 2003, adopted

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Article 1

In the Law on Citizenship of Bosnia and Herzegovina ("Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina", No. 4/97; 13/99; 41/02; 6/03; 14/03 and 82/05), Article 40 shall be amended to read:

“Article 40

The Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter: Ministry), shall be bound to, in accordance with tis Law, review the status of persons naturalized after 6th April 1992, and before 1st January 2006”.

Article 2

In Article 41, paragraph 1 shall be amended to read:

“1. The Ministry reviews the status of the persons who acquired the citizenships by naturalization who previously have not had assigned Personal Identification Number (JMB) or who were assigned new Personal Identification Numbers (JMB) in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the period after 6th April 1992, and before 1st January 2006. To this end. the Ministry considers the information provided by the persons concerned, as well as the information collected ex officio”.

In paragraphs 2 and 3, the word “Commission” in corresponding grammatical case shall be replaced with the word “Ministry” in corresponding grammatical case.

In paragraph 4, the word “Commission” shall be replaced with the word “Ministry”, and in subparagraph d) thereof, the words: “lines 2 and 3” shall be replaced with words: “lines 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6”.

Paragraph 5 shall be deleted. Current paragraphs 6 and 7 shall become paragraphs 5 and 6.

In current paragraph 7, which shall become paragraph 6, the word “Commission” shall be replaced with word “Ministry”.

Paragraph 8 shall be deleted.

Current paragraph 9, which shall become paragraph 7, shall be amended to read:

“7. The citizenship of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall cease by the withdrawal of it on day of delivery of the Ministry’s decision. If the address of residence or location of permanent residence is not known or it cannot be ascertained, the citizenship of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall cease on the day of publishing the information on Ministry’s decision in the “Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina”.

After paragraph 7, new paragraph 8 shall be added to read:

“8. The employees of the Ministry, who had been in any way involved in the process of issuing citizenships subject of the review, cannot be involved in the review of these citizenships.”

Article 3

In Article 41a, in paragraph 1, the word “Commission” shall be replaced with word “Ministry”.

Paragraph 2 shall be amended to read:

“2. The Ministry shall be bound to complete the process of review and determining the status of the naturalized citizens pursuant to the Law not later than 1st March 2012”.

Paragraph 3 shall be amended to read:

“All archives and undecided files pertaining to the review of the status of persons referred to in Article 40 of this Law shall be handed to the Ministry”.

Article 4

This Law becomes effective on the eighth day after being published in the “Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina”.

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