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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; 6/03) in Article 23, paragraph 1. after Item 3), the new Items 4), 5) and 6) shall be added to read as follows:

“4) when a citizen has been convicted by a court in Bosnia and Herzegovina with a final and binding decision of undertaking activities by which the constitutional order and security of Bosnia and Herzegovina are violated or convicted of being a member of an organization undertaking such activities, on condition that such activities are seriously prejudicial to the vital interests of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

5) when a citizen has been convicted by a court in Bosnia and Herzegovina with a final and binding decision of a crime involving the smuggling of firearms, explosives, radioactive material or narcotic and psychogenic substances, or the illegal transport and trade of materials and equipment for manufacturing of weapons or other means of mass destruction; or illegal entry into Bosnia and Herzegovina or stay in or exit from Bosnia and Herzegovina of individuals or groups, or organizes or takes part in trafficking in humans and smuggling of humans, on condition that such activities are seriously prejudicial to the vital interests of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

6) when a citizen has been convicted by a court in Bosnia and Herzegovina with a final and binding decision of a crime arising from activities other than those specified under items 4) and 5) of this Article, and which are seriously prejudicial to the vital interests of Bosnia and Herzegovina.”

Article 2

Paragraph 1) of Article 30 shall be amended to read as follows:

“1) Decisions on acquisition or loss of citizenship of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be taken by the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, with the exception of decisions taken under Articles 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 21, 22, 23 paragraph 1, items 1, 2 and 3.”

Article 3

Paragraph 2) of Article 30 shall be amended to read as follows:

“2) Decisions under Articles 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 21, 22, 23 paragraph 1, items 1, 2, and 3 shall be taken by the competent entity-level authorities.”

Article 4

A new Article 36a shall be inserted as the first Article in Chapter VII containing “Transitional and Final Provisions”, which shall read as follows:

“Notwithstanding Article 23 of the *Law on Citizenship of Bosnia and Herzegovina* (O.G. of Bosnia and Herzegovina 4/97, 13/99, and 6/03) permitting the withdrawal of citizenship in specified cases, citizenship shall, for a period ending on 1 January 2008, be withdrawn in cases where the citizenship of Bosnia and Herzegovina was acquired by means of fraudulent conduct, false information or concealment of any relevant fact attributable to the applicant (i.e., Article 23, item 1).”

Article 5

This Law shall enter into force on the eighth day following the day of its publication in “the Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina” and shall also be published in the official gazettes of the entities and Brcko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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