



Statement by the High Representative Christian Schmidt

The High Representative Christian Schmidt commented on claims that appeared in the public recently:

“The claims that the issue of the state property ownership was already settled in Dayton are not true. This is a fundamental question that still needs to be resolved in this country.

Therefore, the conclusion is a simple one: BiH Politicians – do your work!

When it comes to the process of how to reach a solution, we need technical and legal discussions leading to an acceptable and sustainable resolution of the issue of apportionment of property between the State, the entities, the District of Brcko, cantons and municipalities.”

The High Representative recalls that the entities have no right to secede from BiH and only exist legally by virtue of the Dayton Constitution: “BiH’s sovereignty and territorial integrity are unquestionable, and I firmly reject any irresponsible actions in this regard.”

High Representative reminds that borders within BiH do not and cannot exist and that no obstacles to freedom of movement within BiH are acceptable.

“The task of politicians in BiH is to finally implement Dayton in full and not to talk fictional nonsense about it. The respect of the constitutional order the country is the corner stone of a long-lasting peace, stability, and progress of BiH. The BiH Constitution is an integral part of the GFAP and decisions of the BiH Constitutional Court are final, binding, and must be implemented.”