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Reacting to factually incorrect statements reported in the media, High Representative Valentin Inzko today reiterated that Bosnia and Herzegovina is an internationally recognized state whose sovereignty and territorial integrity is guaranteed under international law and by the Dayton Peace Agreement.

"Entities have no right to secede from Bosnia and Herzegovina under the Dayton Peace Agreement. The constitutional structure of Bosnia and Herzegovina, including the existence of the entities, can only be changed in accordance with the amendment procedure prescribed in the Constitution of BiH", the High Representative said.

The High Representative stressed that politicians in BiH must end the practice of threatening unilateral changes to the constitutional structure of the country and comply fully with the Dayton Peace Agreement.

The International Community retains thenecessary instruments to counter destructive tendencies and it will not allowattempts to undermine the Dayton Peace Agreement.