<u>Appointment procedure for FBiH Constitutional Court vacancies to</u> move forward

In a meeting with High Representative Valentin Inzko in Sarajevo today, the President and the Vice-Presidents of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Zivko Budimir, Mirsad Kebo and Svetozar Pudaric agreed to take all necessarily steps to ensure a speedy appointment of the missing judges to fill the vacancies on the Constitutional Court of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The High Representative welcomed the commitment of the President and the two Vice-Presidents to move forward on this issue without further delay so that nominations can be submitted to the FBiH House of Peoples at the beginning of January.

"Given the current disputes in the Federation, the need for fully functioning institutions – especially the Constitutional Court – has never been greater," High Representative Inzko said.

The High Representative also urged the President and the Vice-Presidents to continue the practice established during the last nomination process of reviewing candidates together so as to come forward with an agreed proposal.