



High Representative meets UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon

High Representative Valentin Inzko met today with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, prior to the High Representative's address to the UN Security Council scheduled to take place tomorrow.

The High Representative told the UN Secretary-General that the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina still merits close watch, if the international community is to ensure that the gains made after the war in terms of stability, rebuilding the country and reconciling its peoples, are preserved and advanced.

"Unfortunately, since my last address to the Security Council in May, and with less than a year left until the next general elections, the situation in the country has not changed: The country's political leadership has still not shown a firm commitment to carrying out the basic political and economic reforms needed to move the country forward. Nor have they made a serious effort towards progress on Euro-Atlantic integration," High Representative Inzko said.

The High Representative said that he nevertheless believes that Bosnia and Herzegovina's leaders can do better and that there is still time for the coalition of parties in power at the state-level to move forward on delivering long-term progress and addressing EU and NATO MAP requirements before the next elections in October 2014.

The High Representative thanked the Secretary-General for his and United Nations' continued commitment to lasting peace and stability in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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