High Representative Visits OSA

As part of a series of visits to key institutions within the BiH security and justice sector, the High Representative, Valentin Inzko, met with Director General Almir Dzuvo of the BiH Intelligence-Security Agency (OSA) at their Headquarters in Sarajevo today.

The High Representative welcomed the continued progress in the development of the agency. OSA was established following the reform of the former intelligence services in BiH which introduced modern standards, including of democratic control, in the intelligence sector in BiH. This reform was a major step forward for BiH and its citizens. “Despite numerous challenges and sensitivities, the reform of the intelligence sector has continued to be a success,” said High Representative Inzko.

OSA works closely with a host of regional and international partners on a variety of important issues including counter-terrorism and organized crime.

The High Representative also welcomed the fact that cooperation between BiH security sector actors is at an all time high. “The information that this agency gathers must be used as effectively as possible” he said. “Authorities must continue to build on the success of the effective multi-agency approach, involving OSA, SIPA and police and prosecutors to fight crime and corruption effectively and to help lower

security threats to the citizens of this country as well as the region”.