

Christopher Bennett Appointed as New Head of OHR Office in Banja Luka



The High Representative, Valentin Inzko, has appointed Christopher Michael Bennett as the new Head of the OHR office in Banja Luka. Mr. Bennett will take up his duties on July 27, 2009. He replaces Ivan Bušniak, who has been Head of OHR Banja Luka since September 1, 2007.

Mr. Bennett is an expert on Bosnia and Herzegovina, and has been engaged professionally in this region for more than a decade in total, including the period between June 2006 and September 2007, when he served as OHR Director of Communications. From May 2000 to June 2006, Mr. Bennett edited *NATO Review*; from 1996 to 1999 he was a political analyst and deputy director of the International Crisis Group, specializing in the Balkans.

Christopher Bennett speaks Bosnian/Serbian/Croatian, Slovenian, English and French fluently, and has a working knowledge of Spanish, German and Russian. He is married with two children.

Appointing Christopher Bennett to the position of Head of the OHR in Banja Luka, the High Representative expressed his gratitude and appreciation to Ivan Bušniak for the work he has done for the OHR and for the contribution he has made to the implementation of the Dayton Peace Agreement in Bosnia and

Herzegovina.