Supervisor of Brcko amends the Statute of Brcko District

The Supervisor of Brcko, Raffi Gregorian, today has issued a <u>Supervisory Order</u> amending the Statute of Brcko District.

The Statute currently in force is now out of date in a number of ways. It does not reflect a number of recent changes to the District administration, in particular the reform of public administration and creation of new District institutions. Some of the changes necessary to the Statute of Brcko District cannot be made by the Assembly, and must be made by the Supervisor. Other changes require a three-fourths majority of councillors. Due to the complex and extensive nature of changes necessary, this majority is unlikely to be achieved within the remaining time during which Brcko District will be subject to Supervision. The changes to the Statute are to improve the performance in functioning of the Government. The Mayor and Heads of Department must function as a body. These changes are necessary for efficient functioning of the District's institutions after Supervision has been terminated.

The amendments have been finalised after extensive consultations with the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Assembly members representing all three constituent people, and members of the Brcko District Judicial Commission.

This Supervisory Order also requires working groups appointed by the Mayor to immediately start preparing amendments to a number of laws that are inconsistent with the revised Statute. No later that 1 May 2007 the Mayor will provide the Supervisor's office with these laws for approval; they will then be enacted as laws of Brcko District by further Supervisory Order.