

# **OHR's Statement at the International Agencies' Joint Press Conference in Mostar**

## **High Representative Meets Speakers of BiH Parliament**

The High Representative, Christian Schwarz-Schilling, will hold a meeting, today, on with the speakers and deputy speakers of the BiH House of Representatives and the BiH House of Peoples. This will be Dr. Schwarz-Schilling's first formal meeting with BiH officials since taking up his mandate.

In his talks with the parliamentary speakers the High Representative will make it clear that the future of this country must be decided by its own citizens, through the Representatives they elect.

## **High Representative to Chair Roundtable on BiH Civil Society**

The High Representative, Christian Schwarz-Schilling, will chair a meeting of activists from BiH Non-Governmental Organisations which are involved in getting more citizens to participate in the political process.

Since arriving in BiH to take up his duties, the High Representative has called on BiH citizens to take control of their future, not just from the International Community but from the small number of professional politicians who dominate public debate. This can be done if citizens start to make their own priorities clear to those who seek to be elected to public office – rather than allowing the political agenda to be dictated by party leaders.

Details for media will be announced after the press conference

**Announcement of the SDHR farewell visit**

I would like to announce that the SDHR Martin Ney will visit Mostar on Friday February 3. However details of his visit will be announced by end of the week.