

# **Statement: OHR Welcomes the land allocation for BiH State Prison**

The OHR welcomes the Decision of the Municipal Assembly of East Ilidza, by which 120 acres of land were given for the construction of the BiH State Prison.

This prison facility will serve as a vehicle for continued prison reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina and will answer the growing need for BiH prison facilities in the criminal justice system that will hold increasing number of sentenced in a growing number of cases.

The Court of BiH is one of BiH's flagship reforms underlining BiH's commitment to the Rule of Law. The Rule of Law is essential to a state – and an essential prison system is an integral and indispensable part of the apparatus needed to sustain the rule of law.