Statement: Council of Ministers Must Adopt Decision on Police Directorate

The Council of Ministers must adopt a Decision establishing the Directorate for the implementation of the EC approved plan for police reform no later than tomorrow. Failure to do so will mean that BiH will risk missing its first target on the road to Europe , and would send a very negative message to the EU given that police reform is a key SAA requirement.

“The 31st of December deadline is extremely tight. The Council of Minister’s Decision is only the very first step towards setting up the Directorate. Once the Decision is made, entity and cantonal governments will have to recommend members of the Directorate to the CoM, after which the CoM will have to appoint the members,” said the High Representative.

“This has to be done in order to meet the end of year target that BiH has set and which Europe has endorsed. Any failure would send an extremely negative signal on BiH’s commitment to deliver on their promises. How can the EU have confidence in BiH if BiH misses its own deadlines,” he added.