

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

## **OHR Welcomes Establishment of the Common Register**

OHR welcomes last Friday's signing of a Memorandum of Understanding by the BiH Council of Ministers, the FBiH Government, the RS Government and the Brcko District on establishing a common register of all associations and foundations registered and operating in BiH.

This is an important measure in the fight against organized crime and money laundering and organizations supporting terrorist activities. With the information collected on associations and foundations, BiH will be in a better position to meet its international obligations.

OHR strongly supports the common register and calls for its quick establishment.

## **PDHR to Introduce Quarterly Survey of BiH Economy**

And a reminder that following this press conference, the Principal Deputy High Representative, Donald Hays, will present the OHR's Economic Newsletter for the final quarter of 2004. The presentation will include a survey of the BiH economy and will also deal with tax reform and the hard choices that BiH's political leadership must address in order to avoid a budgetary collapse in 2006. There will be a Q & A session at the conclusion of the presentation.