

OHR's Statement at the International Agency's Joint Press Conference in Mostar

High Representative Addresses Berlin Conference

The High Representative, Paddy Ashdown will tomorrow address a conference organised by the German Foreign Ministry in Berlin entitled "Beyond Cold Peace: Strategies for Economic Reconstruction and Post-Conflict Management". The High Representative will speak of the lessons to be learned from recent conflict management concerning the sequencing of democratisation, functional governance, reconciliation, institution-building, economic development and community-building efforts.

The High Representative spoke of factors that are necessary for the success of post-conflict reconstruction in Bosnia , including legitimacy and regional stability and destination.

"That's more than just an agreed framework for reconstruction. It is a goal that can motivate the people of war-torn countries to make the sacrifices necessary to transform their societies, their economies, their political systems, in a way that lasts. Bosnia has a clear destination. It's called Europe . The hope of getting into NATO and the EU has now become the main driving force of reform in Bosnia , replacing the executive powers of the international community." – said HR at this occasion

If anyone is interested in the details of the High Representative's statement please contact our press office later today. However, those of you interested in more details of this conference should contact the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs.