

High Representative Appoints Members of BiH's Single HJPC

The High Representative today appointed 16 members of Bosnia and Herzegovina's High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council (HJPC).

Nine of the 16 appointments have already served with the HJPCs. In a letter to Prime Minister Terzić the High Representative explained that he has made these appointments to ensure a "seamless transition to the newly established Council while at the same time guaranteeing continuity of membership, a continued international presence, geographical coverage, gender balance and ethnic representation based on the 1991 Census. I have also, where possible, chosen candidates from the short lists supplied by those domestic institutions that will, in future, elect the members of Council."

In accordance with the BiH HJPC Law the High Representative has appointed;

Alma Tirić, Prosecutor's Office of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Stevan Savić, Supreme Court of Republika Srpska

Marica Vučetić-Zelenbabić, Doboj District Court

Mirza Jusufović, Brčko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Danka Vučina, Attorney, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Slobodan Stanišić, Attorney, Republika Srpska

Branko Perić, Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Medžida Kreso, Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Ljiljana Filipović, Supreme Court of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Amor Bukić, Prosecutor's Office of Republika Srpska

Mladen Jurišić, Mostar Cantonal Court

Sladana Milojković, Tuzla Cantonal Prosecutor's Office

Snježana Petković, District Prosecutor's Office Banja Luka

as members of the Council from 3 June 2004.

The High Representative also appointed Michael O'Malley (Prosecutor, United States), Malcolm Simmons, (Judge, United Kingdom) and Sven Marius Urke (Attorney, Norway) as international members of the HJPC, each serving a term of one year, also from 3 June 2004.

In accordance with the provisions of the HJPC Law, two further appointments are to be made to the HJPC, one by the BiH House of Representatives, and one by the Council of Ministers.

The Law establishing a single HJPC was adopted by the BiH Parliament on 21 May. Under this new Law the single HJPC is responsible for hearing disciplinary procedures against Judges and Prosecutors, and for making appointments as judicial vacancies arise. Establishing a single HJPC is one of the preconditions that BiH must fulfil before the European Commission will enter into negotiations with BiH for a Stability and Association Agreement.