

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

## **High Representative Holds Press Conference**

The High Representative and European Union's Special Representative, Paddy Ashdown, will hold a press conference today at 12.30 at the OHR to make an announcement of the EU visa ban list.

## **High Representative, the European Commission and the ITC Welcome the Passage of the ITA Law**

The High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, the European Commission's Head of Delegation Michael Humphreys, the Chairman of the Indirect Tax Commission, Joly Dixon, the Director of the RS Customs Authority, Duro Bulic, and the Chief of Cabinet of the FBiH Customs Authority, Frane Dogan, will tomorrow welcome the passage of interim customs legislation through BiH's Parliament.

There will be a press opportunity at **the Customs Terminal at Sarajevo Airport at 16.00 on Tuesday 1 July 2003.**

Journalists should announce their attendance to the State Border Service Unit at Sarajevo Airport in advance on Tel. (033) 465 555 or Fax (033) 458 839 to ensure access.

## **Mostar Commission**

The Commission is Mostar's opportunity to make the Mostar normal European city. In accordance with the principles set out by the HR the Commission is expected to finalize the draft of the City Statute by the end of July. This is an opportunity for the people of the city of Mostar and a major responsibility of Commission members. Even though some concrete steps have already been achieved, a lot of time has been spent on unproductive political games.

What citizens of Mostar need to see by the end of July is the draft of the City Statute. Drafting process should be fully transparent and accessible to all the citizens and interested groups. Citizens can send their proposals to the Commission e-mail address: [mostar-statute@max.net.ba](mailto:mostar-statute@max.net.ba) or send a fax to 036-580-032.

Bearing all that in mind the HR encourages the Commission members to intensify their work through even more frequent meetings, in order to fulfill the task assigned to them by the end of July.

Also at the end I would like to correct a misinterpretation of the deadline for the completion of the work of the Mostar Commission that appeared in today's Dnevni List on page 7. Deadline from the completion of the Commission work is the end of July. And has always been the end of July.