High Representative Appoints International Judge to BiH Court

In a Decision signed late last week the High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, appointed Mr. Fernando Correia Estrela, a Portuguese Judge of the Criminal Division of the Supreme Court in Lisbon, an international judge of the Special Panels for Organised Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption within both the Criminal Division and the Appellate Division of the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Issuing this Decision the High Representative said "the establishment of the rule of law, in which all citizens have confidence, is a prerequisite for a lasting peace, and for a self-sustaining economy capable of attracting and retaining international and domestic investors."

The initial term of appointment is for two years, subject to reappointment up to a maximum term of four years.