Construction of the M5 Highway

The Office of the High Representative is pleased with the excellent level of co-operation exhibited by the Municipal Authorities of Pale, Republika Srpska and Pale, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in the ongoing construction of the M5 highway.

Today, Jacques Paul Klein Principal Deputy High Representative visited the Federation and Republika Srpska Municipalities of Pale to discuss developments on the Stambolcic road tunnel and the M5 Sarajevo to Mesici highway. This is a project jointly initiated by the two municipalities.

On May 20th, 1999 Ambassador Klein had witnessed the signing of the construction agreement by Nenad Pandurevic, Chairman of the Pale Municipal Assembly, and Salko Obhodjas, Major of the Federation Pale Municipality.

The new highway should provide an important link between the Federation and the Eastern Republika Srpska and will encourage economic investment and political stability.

More importantly, this project should serve as an example of intelligent leadership and initiative to administrative bodies, at all levels, of how best to serve the interests of the citizens of this country regardless of their ethnic origin.

OHR will continue to support this project with the two Entity Governments. This will be one of the topics that Ambassador Klein will discuss at his meeting tomorrow with Prime Minister Dodik in Banja Luka.