

Decision Appointing a Director and Deputy Directors of the Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina for Information and Protection

In the exercise of the powers vested in the High Representative by Article V of Annex 10 (Agreement on Civilian Implementation of the Peace Settlement) to the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, according to which the High Representative is the final authority in theatre regarding interpretation of the said Agreement on the Civilian Implementation of the Peace Settlement; and considering in particular Article II.1. (d) of the last said Agreement, according to the terms of which the High Representative shall "Facilitate, as the High Representative judges necessary, the resolution of any difficulties arising in connection with civilian implementation";

Recalling paragraph XI.2 of the Conclusions of the Peace Implementation Conference held in Bonn on 9 and 10 December 1997, in which the Peace Implementation Council welcomed the High Representative's intention to use his final authority in theatre regarding interpretation of the Agreement on the Civilian Implementation of the Peace Settlement in order to facilitate the resolution of any difficulties as aforesaid "by making binding decisions, as he judges necessary" on certain issues including (under sub-paragraph (c) thereof) "measures to ensure implementation of the Peace Agreement throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina and its Entities";

Considering that the *Law on the Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina for Information and Protection* was published in the Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina on 2 July 2002 and entered into force eight days thereafter;

Considering further that, pursuant to Article 32 of the said Law, "The appointment of the Director and his Deputies will be performed within 10 (ten) days after the Law has entered into force";

Taking into account that, as at the date hereof, no such appointment has taken place;

Conscious of the need to put a Director and Deputy Directors of the Agency for Information and Protection in place, in order to ensure the proper functioning of the said Agency.

Bearing in mind the totality of the matters aforesaid the High Representative hereby issues with immediate effect the following

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The following individuals shall be appointed as Director and Deputy Directors, respectively, in the Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina for Information and Protection.

Mr. Sredoje Novic, Director

Mr. Emir Bijedic, Deputy Director

Mr. Dragan Lukac, Deputy Director

This Decision shall enter into force forthwith. It shall be published without delay in the Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Sarajevo, 6 October 2002

Paddy Ashdown

High Representative