

Decision on Appointment of Members of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Councils.

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 which “may include actions against persons holding public office or officials...who are found by the High Representative to be in violation of legal commitments made under the Peace Agreement or the terms for its implementation”;

Taking into account the two Decisions of the High

Representative issued on 23 May 2002, Amending the Constitution of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Amending the Constitution of the Republika Srpska, wherein the constitutional foundations were enumerated for the creation of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Republika Srpska.

Taking into account further the Law on High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina 15/02, 02 July 2002), the Law on High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, 22/02, 05 June 2002), and the Law on High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Republika Srpska (Official Gazette of Republika Srpska, 31/02, 10 June 2002), which establish the legal framework for all of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Councils within Bosnia and Herzegovina and provide for the High Representative to appoint all Council members for the transitional period defined therein.

Recognising the need for the assurance that all international and European standards are upheld during the crucial transitional period of the Councils' existence when the restructuring of the courts and prosecutors offices will take place and a selection of judges and prosecutors to fill the restructured posts will occur.

Recognising further the necessity of independence and impartiality in the work of the Councils in order to achieve the essential purposes underlying the laws and constitutional amendments aforementioned, and the invaluable benefit that would accrue to the people and judicial system of Bosnia and Herzegovina from the utilisation of international expertise during the transitional period.

For the reasons hereinafter set out the High Representative

hereby issues the following

DECISION

On Appointment of Members of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Councils.

1. As provided for in Article 76 of the Law on the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and in Article 76 of the Law on the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of the Republika Srpska, the following persons are hereby appointed as members of the Councils established under those laws.

High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of the Federation of
Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mr. Zdenko Eterovic Judge of the Supreme Court of
the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Ms. Alma Tiric Deputy Prosecutor of the
Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mr. Davorin Jukic Judge of the Cantonal Court
Sarajevo

Mr. Izo Tankic Cantonal Prosecutor Tuzla

Ms. Danka Vucina Attorney, Mostar

Mr. Kasim Begic Professor of the Law
Faculty in Sarajevo

High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of the Republika Srpska

Mr. Stevan Savic Judge of the Supreme
Court of the Republika Srpska

Ms. Svetlana Maric Deputy Basic Public
Prosecutor Banja Luka

Ms. Marica Vucetic-Zelenbabic Judge of the District Court
Doboj

Ms. Ranka Masic Deputy District
Public Prosecutor Srpsko Sarajevo

Mr. Milorad Ivosevic Attorney, Banja Luka

Mr. Branko Peric Journalist, Banja
Luka

**International Members to Serve on the High Judicial Councils
of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and of the
Republika Sprska**

Mr. Silvio
Bonfigli Prosecutor
Italy

Mr. Christopher
Harland Attorney Ca
nada

Mr. Carlos
Lobo Judge
Portugal

Ms. Susanne
Moeller Judge
Finland

Mr. Jan Erik Oja
Judge Sweden

Ms. Sylvie Pantz
Judge France

Mr. John Peyton
Prosecutor United States

Dr. Axel Schwarz

Attorney

Germany

2. As provided for in Article 66 of the Law on the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina the following persons are hereby appointed as members of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina in respect of the transitional period until 31 December 2003.

Mr. Branko Morait
and Herzegovina

Judge of Court of Bosnia

Mr. Venceslav Ilic
Bosnia and Herzegovina

Judge of Court of

Mr. Mirza Jusufovic
Court of Brcko District

Judge of the Appellate

Mr. Zekerija Mujkanovic
District

Public Prosecutor of Brcko

Ms. Ljiljana Mijovic
the Law Faculty in Banja Luka

Assistant Professor of

3. The persons appointed to the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina under Article 2 hereof shall serve on that Council with the members of the Entity High Judicial and Prosecutorial Councils appointed under Article 1 hereof.
4. As provided for in Article 66 of the Law on the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in Article 76 of the Law on the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and in Article 76 of the Law on the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of the Republika Srpska, the following international members of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Councils are hereby designated and appointed as President and Vice President of each of the three Councils.

Mr. Jan Erik Oja

President

Mr. John Peyton

Vice President

5. All the appointments under this Decision shall take effect from the date hereof.
6. This Decision shall enter into force forthwith and shall be published without delay in the Official Gazette of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in the Official Gazette of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in the Official Gazette of Republika Srpska and in the official Gazette of the Brcko District of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Sarajevo, 6 August 2002

*Paddy Ashdown,
High Representative*