Decision Enacting the Law on Amendments to the Law on Internal Affairs of Central Bosnia Canton

In the exercise of the powers vested in me by Article V of Annex 10 (Agreement on Civilian Implementation of the Peace Settlement) to the General 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 Art. 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";

Bearing in mind Article 1(1) of Annex 11 of the General Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which stipulates that the Parties "shall provide a safe and secure environment for all persons in their respective jurisdictions,

by maintaining civilian law enforcement agencies operating in accordance with internationally recognized standards and with respect for internationally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms…";

Considering that, in accordance with Article 1(1) of Annex 11, there is a need for depoliticized police forces that operate in accordance with the highest European standards;

Taking into account the need for a non-political police manager who will be responsible for operational aspects of policing in the Ministry of Interior of Central Bosnia Canton.

Having taken into account and considered the totality of the matters aforesaid, I hereby issue the following

DECISION

Enacting the Law on Amendments to the Law on Internal Affairs of Central Bosnia Canton *(The Law on Internal Affairs of Central Bosnia Canton, which has since been amended, was originally published in the Official Gazette of Central Bosnia Canton, 3/97)* ashereinafter set out.

The Law shall enter into force pursuant to Article 22 thereof on an interim basis until such time as the Cantonal Assembly adopts the same in due form, without amendment and with no conditions attached.

This Decision shall be published without delay in the Official Gazette of Central Bosnia Canton and shall come into force on the date of such publication.

Sarajevo, 23 May 2002

Wolfgang Petritsch

High Representative