

Bulldozer Committee Completes List of 50 Bureaucratic Roadblocks to Doing Business in BiH

The Bulldozer Committee, initiated by the High Representative in November to help clear away pointless bureaucracy that prevents businesses from expanding and creating jobs, held its third plenary meeting today. The Committee, now composed of over twenty BiH business organisations, has held consultative meetings in Banja Luka, Tuzla, Mostar, Travnik, Brcko, Orasje and Zenica, and two previous plenary meetings in Sarajevo, since it was set up on 12 November. These meetings have examined and assessed recommendations put forward by businesspeople on ways that the BiH bureaucracy can be streamlined in order to make it easier to do business in this country. Hundreds of suggestions have been considered. At today's meeting the Bulldozer Committee completed the selection of 50 specific recommendations which will now be presented to the BiH governments. The Bulldozer Committee will present these recommendations to the appropriate parliamentary authorities and urge them to act on these recommendations quickly and positively.

When it was set up, the Bulldozer Committee committed itself to securing 50 improvements in the BiH business environment within 150 days.

At today's plenary session, the Committee selected 27 proposals, including a recommendation that foreign companies no longer be required to register representative offices in both Entities, and a recommendation that the process of obtaining truck licences – crucial to stimulating BiH's export capacity – be simplified.