Clarification

Recently, counterfeit documents and erroneous reports have appeared which suggest that the High Representative issued a Decision annulling the Federation's requirement that occupancy right holders repossessing socially owned apartments that have been declared abandoned, must wait for two years before they can purchase the apartment.

This is not correct. The Federation Law on the Sale of Apartments with Occupancy Right continues to provide that the occupancy right holder over an apartment which was declared abandoned between 30 April 1991 and 4 April 1998 shall acquire the right to purchase the apartment upon the expiry of a two-year deadline after his/her re-instatement in the apartment. The occupancy right holder is then requested to submit a claim for the purchase of the apartment within a six-month deadline.

As in the past, OHR will directly inform the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina of Decisions taken by the High Representative. We condemn the use of counterfeit documents relating to the property rights of displaced persons and refugees. These documents, which have no legal validity, only serve to propagate confusion and disorder.