

# CoM BiH To Function In Technical Mandate



The resignation of the Chair of the Council of Ministers BiH means that the BiH Government is now in a technical mandate. The Council of Ministers continues to have a responsibility to ensure that the administration continues to function. The Law on the Council of Ministers foresees this eventuality and therefore BH Citizens have no reason to worry.

“Nikola Spiric’s decision to resign is his right and his choice, but it is not a responsible action”, the High Representative, Miroslav Lajcak said today. “It will not calm the current political situation but I expect the Council of Ministers to exercise their technical mandate in full,” he said.

The High Representative’s decision of 19 October 2007 has been made the pretext for this and other planned resignations. Yesterday the Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council stated that “the only objective of the [High Representative’s] measures is to streamline the decision-making process in the Council of Ministers”, and that “certain political leaders have overreacted to these measures”.

“It is paradoxical that the Chairman of the Council of Ministers should resign over measures that are designed to make the Council of Ministers, the body that he Chairs, more efficient,” said the HR today. “The country needs functioning institutions for the reform processes to be re-launched”.

The Peace Implementation Council said yesterday that the Decision to amend the Law on the Council of Ministers is fully in line with the mandate of the High Representative and the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Decision does not undermine, in any way, the position of any Entity or constituent peoples.

The BiH Presidency will discuss the resignation at a session tomorrow, Friday 2 November.