

Comment by the High Representative on Re-cantonisation in BiH

The High Representative has examined the proposals made by Mr Raguz and members of the Bosnian Croat Community, and finds them inconsistent with Dayton.

The High Representative would remind those engaged in this debate that he will continue to insist that the Dayton agreement remains the only basis for discussion of borders, entities and cantonal division.

The Federation which was formally enshrined as an Entity within the State of Bosnia and Herzegovina by the Dayton Agreement, is binding on all parties. The High Representative will not entertain any discussion which undermines either the Peace Agreement in particular, or the peace process in general.

He calls on participants in this debate to readdress their attention to their commitments under Dayton to multi-ethnicity, freedom of movement, and the right of all citizens to return to their homes in an ethnically and culturally mixed BiH.