Decision banning Drago Tokmakcija from holding political party offices

Mr. Ante Jelavic
President of HDZ
and Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Dear President Jelavic,

We are aware that, following the well-known events in Drvar in April 1998, I had to order the dismissal of Mr. Tokmakcija as Deputy Mayor of Drvar under the authority vested upon me under the Bonn PIC Declaration. Mr. Tokmakcija has a proven record as an obstructionist of the implementation of the Dayton Peace Agreement. Pursuant to the decision mentioned above, he is not entitled to hold public office of any kind. I have been informed that Mr. Drago Tokmakcija is presently performing the functions of Head of the HDZ in Canton 10.

In this connection, I would like to draw your attention to Section X, paragraph 4, of the Annex to the Madrid PIC Declaration of 16th December, 1998, which states that persons whom I ” bar from official duty may also be barred from…office within political parties”. Therefore, under the authority vested upon me under this section, I now declare Mr. Tokmakcija also unable to hold any kind of office in a political party until further notice. Herewith, I forbid him to exert any function within the HDZ. I trust that you will ensure that my decision is respected by all HDZ officials, and I reserve the right to take appropriate measures should this not be the case.

Yours sincerely,

Carlos Westendorp
High Representative

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