FBiH Constitutional Court Must be Enabled to Fulfil its Role

"Given the current disputes in the Federation, the need for functioning institutions — especially the Constitutional Court — has never been greater," High Representative, Valentin Inzko, said today.

"Ahead of the vote tomorrow in the Federation House of Peoples each delegate must be mindful of his or her own individual responsibility for ensuring that the FBiH Constitutional Court has the capacity to fulfil its functions," said the High Representative.

Given the shameful four year failure to appoint the missing judges to the Federation Constitutional Court which has left this institution unable to fulfil its constitutional role, the international community in BiH has highlighted the importance of making this institution fully functional again.

The Ambassadors of the Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council have already welcomed the decision of the Federation President, with the concurrence of the two Vice Presidents, to appoint judges from among those approved by the HJPC in accordance with the Constitution and expressed the expectation that the institutions of the Federation will work without delay to fulfil this core responsibility under the Constitution of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.