

# Fully functioning FBiH Constitutional Court key to upholding the FBiH Constitution and the rule of law



The High Representative Christian Schmidt welcomes today's appointment by the FBiH House of Peoples of the last missing judge to the FBiH Constitutional Court. The High Representative pays his respect to the decision made today by the delegates of the FBiH House of Peoples.

Having a fully functioning FBiH Constitutional Court in its full composition, enabling the Court now to elect all missing judges to its Vital Interest Panel, after years of delays and political blockades, is an important element in restoring the rule of law and functional institutions in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The High Representative called the appointment an important step in the implementation of the functionality package which he had adopted on 2 October.

The High Representative commends today's completion of the appointment process for the FBiH Constitutional Court, thereby securing the uninterrupted work of this key institution for upholding the FBiH Constitution and preventing further blockades. The High Representative wishes to congratulate all the newly appointed judges of the FBiH Constitutional Court.

The High Representative now expects legislative and executive authorities to be formed swiftly and in line with the will of the voters expressed on Election Day. There can be no further delays or political games holding the FBiH hostage, added the High Representative.