

High Representative Issues Decisions Lifting the Ban on Three Officials



As part of a programme underway since March 2005, the High Representative, Valentin Inzko, has issued three Decisions affecting the bans on participation in the public life of Bosnia and Herzegovina placed on three individuals.

Concluding that the reasons for the removal of Mr Ivan Đogić and Mr Zvonko Prskalo on 26 June 2001 no longer apply, the High Representative has expressly permitted Mr Đogić and Mr Prskalo to hold official, elective or appointive public office, to run in elections and to hold office within political parties.

At the same time, concluding that the reasons for the removal of Mr. Svetozar Aćimović on 26 February 2003 no longer apply, the High Representative has also expressly permitted Mr Aćimović to hold official, elective or appointive public office, to run in elections and to hold office within political parties.

These three Decisions have been issued in light of the principles of equity, proper governance and judicious exercise of the High Representative's international mandate, which take into account the balance between the protection of national stability and the rights of the individual. They do not call into question the validity of the original removals, nor do they entitle the individuals concerned to automatic restoration to the office from which they were removed.

These Decisions take immediate effect.