

Independent Media Commission

The High Representative, Carlos Westendorp, adopted a decision on 11th June 1998 establishing the Independent Media Commission (IMC).

IMC will establish a regulatory regime for broadcasters and other media in Bosnia and Herzegovina. A director general, Krister Thelin, has been selected following a transparent recruitment procedure. Mr Thelin, a judge who has served as deputy minister of justice in Sweden, will take up his appointment on July 1st.

Bosnian experts are now being recruited to serve on the commission.

IMC will work to promote pluralism in the media and to ensure broadcast licenses are issued and regulated without political interference. The commission will continue to seek advice from station directors and other prominent Bosnians about its regulatory role.

A regulatory regime will be in place before the commencement of the election campaign. The Director General will be making an announcement about the exact content of the regulatory regime in due course.

The Decision imposes a moratorium on the issuing of any new frequencies for broadcasting purposes until such time as the IMC begins assigning broadcasting frequencies.