

The Protocol for Prosperity signed in Sarajevo

Second Phase Should Open the Door to Local Resources

Dr. Ahmet Hadzipasic: Reforms should be made in cooperation with businessmen, science, cooperatives, trade unions, RS, Brcko District and BiH Council of Ministers

[P. 5] SARAJEVO – Representatives of state, entity and Brcko District authorities and Bulldozer Committee representatives signed the Protocol for Prosperity in Sarajevo, expressing their commitment to open the door to local resources in the second phase of the reform project on the local level. At the ceremony that marked official completion of the first phase of the Bulldozer process, signatories committed to do everything they can in order to make the second phase of the initiative as successful. In the second phase of the project, dialogue initiated between entrepreneurs and politicians will be expanded to trade unions and other civil organizations. Chairman of the BiH Council of Ministers, Adnan Terzic announced that he would establish an emergency reform team that will consist of young experts from the Council of Ministers. They will directly inform him about implementation of each of 150 reforms. Bulldozer Committee representative, Mevlida Kunosic-Vlajic thanked the authorities on all levels for adoption of the 50 reforms in behalf of the business community and emphasized that she expected continuation of work on removing unnecessary administrative levels and absurd regulations. Saying that the business environment in BiH is not favorable for foreign or local investments, the RS prime minister, Dragan Mikerevic emphasized that the RS government would do everything they can in order to

complete the second phase as soon as possible. FBiH Prime Minister, Ahmet Hadzipasic said that the government expressed interest to intensively cooperate with businessmen, science, cooperatives, trade unions, RS, Brcko District and the BiH Council of Ministers, instead of analyzing situation in the office only. The High Representative, Paddy Ashdown also attended the ceremony, as well as other officials of the international community and local authorities.

