

## **BULLDOZER II - FIRST PLENARY SESSION OF COMMITTEES**

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During today's session, it was planned that 18 out of 21 reform proposals be adopted, while 15 proposals are expected to be adopted at the second session scheduled for September 4 this year.

The third session is expected to take place on September 25 this year, at which 17 reform proposals will be adopted.

Phase II of the Bulldozer Committee was launched on June 4 this year and its goal is to continue promoting reform recommendations made by the business community, by local advocacy associations and by other elements of civil society.

It is planned that the second phase encompass solutions in the identification of obstacles for the registration of agricultural activities, in the creation of associations of small producers, certification of origin for certain products, establishment of legislation related to the forestry, etc.

Besides local authorities and businessmen, the Regional Bulldozer Committees included trade unions and non-governmental organizations in their work in the second phase.

In the second phase, the work, which was done by a single committee in Phase I, has been divided up among seven committees.

In Phase II, the committees will focus on developing reforms at the municipal, cantonal and regional level, as well as overseeing the implementation of Phase I reforms at the local level.

The Bulldozer Committee was launched in November last year by a group of businessmen from BiH, at the initiative of the High Representative to BiH Paddy Ashdown.

Its goal is the establishment of working partnership between politicians and businessmen, as well as the identification of concrete legal provisions that prevent spreading of business operations of companies and opening of new working positions.

In Phase I, approximately 50 reforms were adopted, and as a sign of support to these reforms, Chairman of the BiH Council of Ministers and entity prime ministers, speakers of all parliaments in BiH, Brcko Mayor and seven local representatives of the Bulldozer Committee signed "Protocol for Prosperity" in June this year.

In this way, they obliged themselves to participate in the process of reforms implemented by the Bulldozer Committee. (the end)

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