Emergency Reform Units

Bulldozer Phase II by the End of 2004

50 reforms presented to governments in BiH

[P.05] Newly appointed Emergency Reform Units (ERUs) – young civil servants tasked with steering Bulldozer reforms through government and parliamentary procedure so that the citizens feel the benefits as soon as possible held a plenary session in Jajce on Friday and drew up a campaign plan for implementing the next 50 Bulldozer reforms.

The goal of these reforms is reducing of cumbersome bureaucratic roadblocks and unnecessary regulations in order to provide easier job creation and attract investments in BiH.

In the second phase of the Bulldozer Initiative, Bulldozer Committees presented 50 reforms to the BiH governments on 10 November. ERUs committed to provide enactment of these reforms by January 31, 2004.

For example, reforms include simpler company operations in a way to recognize faxed orders as written documents (which means that it will not be necessary to send a faxed order also via mail, in order for it to be legally valid.) Harmonization of entity veterinary laws is also planned, which will enable simpler procedures in export of agricultural raw materials from BiH, in accordance with EU, WTO and WHO rules.

"This is very ambitious, but it can be achieved and we decided to make this happen," Tina Radonjic, RS ERU member said. "The purpose of the fast work is that the citizens feel the benefits from these reforms as soon as possible."

"Quick adoption of the reforms will send a positive signal to the EU and show that BiH authorities are seriously committed to their implementation, which will improve our environment for investments, pave the road for quicker economic development and finally EU membership, **Majda Becirovic**, state ERU member said – the press release read.

