

Our Platform for Action

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We fully accept that urgent economic reforms cannot be put on hold until major political disputes have been resolved. We understand that attracting investment, creating employment and raising living standards represent our most important and immediate challenges and we are committed to making economic growth one of our key objectives. We acknowledge that the EU association process represents the best strategy for development, but we also recognize that we can secure rapid results by supporting the passage and implementation of laws and initiatives that have already been prepared and agreed in principle.

We the undersigned confirm our support for:

1. Improving fiscal coordination and stability by, *inter alia*:

- agreeing on the revenue allocation formulae consistent with the principles of simplicity, clarity, and fairness;
- establishing a legal basis for setting up a National Fiscal Council as a means to set and pursue the overall fiscal policy objectives of the various levels of government;
- reviewing and streamlining social spending schemes with a view to improving their effectiveness;
- reducing the public expenditures' share of GDP.

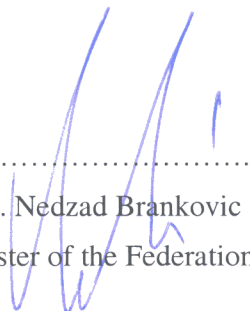
2. Creating a better business environment by, *inter alia*:

- dismantling administrative obstacles to and creating harmonized conditions for doing business in BiH, including harmonizing the base for profit and income tax;
- substantially upgrading the functioning of the financial sector by increasing integration of the banking supervision systems, securities markets and insurance activities;
- promoting regulation of contractual relations in the manner ensuring legal certainty and business predictability;
- further facilitating opening of the market and thus undisturbed movement of goods, services and capital, especially in fields such as pharmaceuticals and medical devices;
- dismantling obstacles to labor mobility and, to this end, also working towards modernizing labor, pension and social insurance provisions.

3. Promoting other reforms ensuring sustainable development, including, *inter alia*:

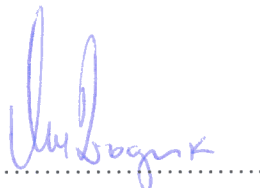
- promoting the development of a competitive and dynamic agricultural and food sector;
- supporting initiatives and forums for constructive dialogue on how to make the economy grow more rapidly, among policymakers, employers and workers;

- taking an active part in the development of a Mid-Term Development Strategy for 2008-2013 and thereby establishing further priorities for sustainable economic development in BiH.



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