OHR urges FBiH Parliament to resolve problem of delayed appointments

The OHR urges the Parliament of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina to adopt the proposed amendments to the FBiH Law on Ministerial, Government and Other Appointments. The amendments passed the FBiH Government on 23 October 2013 and are on the agenda of tomorrow's session of the FBiH House of Representatives.
Political Directors of the Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council, in their communiqué from 5 December 2013, also called on the FBiH authorities to amend the Law on Ministerial, Government and Other Appointments to ensure institutional stability.

The proposed amendments offer a comprehensive and systematic solution to the problem of delayed appointments and fulfil a clear commitment undertaken by the competent authorities in BiH towards the IMF to ensure the stability of the FBiH Securities Commission and other FBiH institutions.

By affirming the principle of continuity of office, the amendments enable institutions of public interest to function and meet their legal obligations towards citizens even when appointments to those institutions are deadlocked. The parallel introduction of a deadlock-breaking mechanism, with stringent deadlines, would ensure that office holders in a technical mandate do not stay in office in perpetuity.