

# Statement by the High Representative about the tragic helicopter crash

I want to express my deepest sympathy along with the shock and sorrow of all members of my Office, to the families and friends of those killed so tragically in a helicopter crash near Bugojno in central Bosnia today.

The death of such dedicated and selfless servants of the peace process, serves to remind us all of the countless sacrifices that have been made by so many foreigners to help this troubled country.

Our thoughts are with the families who now face the terrible prospect of life without them. They were vibrant, wonderful people and we will miss them terribly.

We will rededicate ourselves in their memory to the essential work they were carrying out. With their memory we will push on with greater determination and resolve to complete the task of implementing the Dayton Peace Agreement.