

OHR's Statement at the International Agencies' Joint Press Conference in Banja Luka

Funds to Be Allocated to Rule of Law Activities

As you know, the High Representative issued a Decision on 28 October freezing funds accrued by the SDS between January and September last year. The Decision stated that if Radovan Karadzic was transferred to The Hague by 31 December 2005 and the SDS exercised its full influence to ensure that Republika Srpska is in full compliance with Bosnia and Herzegovina's international obligations to cooperate with the ICTY, these funds would be disbursed to the SDS.

This transfer has not taken place. In consequence, this money will, over the coming months, be re-allocated to the Budget of the BiH Institutions, specifically to SIPA, the War Crimes Chamber of the Court of BiH and the BiH Election Commission.

The purpose of this allocation is to help strengthen the Rule of Law in BiH, an objective that has the wholehearted support of the vast majority of citizens.