

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

Law on the RTV Service

OHR welcomes the adoption of the Law on the RTV Service by the BiH House of Representatives. The EC has made it clear that the adoption of the legislation on public broadcasting is a requirement for Stabilization and Association Agreement. The law in its current form will create one common system made up of three multiethnic services, broadcasting in all three languages.

Transfer of Hague cases

The High Representative welcomes the Decision of the Referral Bench of ICTY to transfer the case of Radovan Stankovic to the BiH Court War Crimes Chamber. Mr Stankovic stands accused for crimes committed against the citizens of Foca in 1992.

This is a significant achievement. Bosnia and Herzegovina is the first country in the region to meet the international standards necessary to try people indicted by the ICTY in the territory where those crimes were committed. It shows that the ICTY has confidence that BiH's judiciary is able to try the most serious and notorious crimes within its own institutions.

It means that BiH can now be a full partner with the ICTY in trying Hague indictees under entirely domestic auspices. In doing so, BiH is taking on its international obligations as required by the UN Security Council.