

# OHR's Statement at the International Agency's Joint Press Conference

## **BiH HoP can fulfil one of the key conditions towards EC Feasibility Study**

The Office of the High Representative welcomes yesterday's adoption of the Proposed Law on Single HJPC by Constitutional Commission of the BiH House of People. The BiH House of Peoples itself is to consider the single HJPC Law tomorrow, 21 May

Strengthening the judiciary by adopting legislation establishing a single HJPC is one of the 16 conditions that BiH must fulfil before the European Commission will enter into negotiations with BiH for a Stability and Association Agreement.

Delegates in the BiH House of Peoples tomorrow have the opportunity to show the same commitment towards European reforms and the Rule of Law in BiH as their colleagues in the HoR. Under the new Law the single HJPC will be responsible for hearing disciplinary procedures against Judges and Prosecutors, and for making appointments as judicial vacancies arise. International financial assistance for BiH's judicial system is also dependent on the Council working according to its mandate.