

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

## **HR & NATO Joint Presser**

The High Representative will meet the new NATO Secretary General, Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, at 14.40 this afternoon. This will be Mr de Hoop Scheffer's first visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina as Secretary General. There will be a photocall at the start of the meeting. SFOR will give more details of Mr. de Hoop Scheffer's visit.

Since the last visit of NATO's top official, this country has moved a step closer to membership of Partnership for Peace by adopting almost all of the necessary defense legislation package. Now we need to see the appointment of a BiH Defence Minister and Deputy Defence Ministers, by the beginning of February, and for BiH to meet the other requirements of PfP before the NATO Istanbul Summit.

## **SDHR Wnendt in Mostar**

Senior Deputy High Representative Werner Wnendt will travel to Mostar on Friday in order to carry forward the dialogue among political leaders in the region aimed at forging a consensus on establishing a single city administration with guaranteed power-sharing. Ambassador Wnendt will meet the heads of City Council Clubs and representatives of political parties as well as representatives of cultural associations in Mostar. Later that day Ambassador Wnendt will hold a meeting with businesspeople from the Herzegovina region and will meet Refugee Association representatives.

Detailed Media Advisory available outside.