

Statement by the High Representative and Chair of the PIC Steering Board



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The Peace Implementation Council Steering Board of Ambassadors reviewed the political developments, including the acts adopted by the National Assembly of Republika Srpska.

Reiterating recent statements by international partners in support of the Dayton Peace Agreement and Bosnia and Herzegovina's sovereignty and territorial integrity and firmly opposing any actions that would undermine BiH's security and stability, members condemned the adoption by the National Assembly of Republika Srpska of the conclusions and decision on 26 February and the legislation on 27 February.

These actions by the ruling coalition in Republika Srpska seek to destabilize the institutions exercising constitutional responsibilities of the State, in accordance with the laws of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and whose establishment has been confirmed constitutional by the Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Entities are obliged to comply fully with the Constitution and

laws of BiH. Members urge immediate cessation of all activities that undermine the Dayton Peace Agreement and the constitutional and legal order of Bosnia and Herzegovina. These actions contradict the commitments Bosnia and Herzegovina has undertaken on the EU path.

Members further underline the importance of using all domestic legal remedies to uphold the constitutional order of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Leaders should fully focus their energy on delivering progress, including on the European Union path, with all its benefits for BiH citizens.