

Statement: High Representative Calls For Srebrenica Documentation Review

The High Representative, Paddy Ashdown, met today with acting RS Prime Minister Dragan Mikerevic.

The High Representative expressed concern that the RS Government has to date taken no action to form a group which will analyse the documentation produced by the Srebrenica Commission and to identify all officials, with emphasis still in the employment of the RS authorities, whose names appear in the confidential annexes. This is critical to demonstrate the commitment of the RS to build a future for all Bosnia's citizens. The High Representative reminded PM Mikerevic that he "expects the work to be completed, and a report delivered both to the State Prosecutor and to the OHR, by the end of February".

Then RS Government has publicly pledged to bring those responsible for war crimes to justice. This review is amongst the measures designed to remove from the RS institutions – and especially from the RS security structures – those who bear individual responsibility for the RS' non co-operation with the ICTY and bring to justice those directly responsible for these crimes

The High Representative reaffirmed that the actions he set out in his press conference on 16 December must be followed up by the RS and BiH. It is the obligation of all countries in the region to fully co-operate with the ICTY.

The High Representative also informed PM Mikerevic of the personal assurance given to him yesterday in Belgrade by Vojislav Kostunica, the Serbian Prime Minister, when PM Kostunica said he would do everything possible to assist the RS to extradite individuals indicted by the ICTY

to the Hague.