

# **Statement: HR welcomes lifting of Lautenberg Sanctions on Foca**

"I welcome the lifting of the 'Lautenberg Sanctions' on the Municipality of Foca. This is an indication of a change in the Municipality and confirms that the application of strict conditionality can have a positive effect. Moreover the lifting of this sanction shows that making progress has benefits; an important signal for those municipalities in the RS that remain under the 'Lautenberg' sanction, and for the RS as a whole with regard its particular responsibility for improving co-operation with the ICTY".