

The High Representatives reacts to Mr Sarovic's statement to the RSNA

The High Representative, Wolfgang Petritsch, regards the efforts of Mr Sarovic to usurp presidential powers as unconstitutional and illegal. There is no authority whatsoever for Mr. Sarovic's pretensions.

It has been made absolutely clear to Mr. Sarovic by the High Representative that his functions were limited to those of Vice President.

This move is a regrettable attack on the legal institutions of the Republika Srpska, with the clear and obvious aim of destabilising the entity and undermining the Dayton accords; Mr Sarovic will be held accountable for this.

Any actions he may take in an attempt to exercise those presidential powers would be illegitimate. Furthermore, anyone who cooperates with him in such efforts will be also held accountable.

The consequences of this illegal move are being thoroughly assessed, and the High Representative is considering further action.