

Decision Appointing Members of the Independent Selection and Review Board under the Law on Internal Affairs of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

In the exercise of the powers vested in the High Representative by Article V of Annex 10 (Agreement on Civilian Implementation of the Peace Settlement) to the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, according to which the High Representative is the final authority in theatre regarding interpretation of the said Agreement on the Civilian Implementation of the Peace Settlement; and considering in particular Article II.1. (d) of the last said Agreement, according to the terms of which the High Representative shall “Facilitate, as the High Representative judges necessary, the resolution of any difficulties arising in connection with civilian implementation”;

Recalling paragraph XI.2 of the Conclusions of the Peace Implementation Conference held in Bonn on 9 and 10 December 1997, in which the Peace Implementation Council welcomed the High Representative’s intention to use his final authority in theatre regarding interpretation of the Agreement on the Civilian Implementation of the Peace Settlement in order to facilitate the resolution of any difficulties as aforesaid “by making binding decisions, as he judges necessary” on certain issues including (under sub-paragraph (c) thereof) “measures to ensure implementation of the Peace Agreement throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina and its Entities”;

Considering that, in accordance with Article 1(1) of Annex 11 to the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Parties “shall provide a safe and secure environment for all persons in their respective jurisdictions, by maintaining civilian law enforcement agencies operating in accordance with internationally recognized standards”;

Recalling that, pursuant to Article 25 of the *Law on Internal Affairs of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina*, an Independent Selection and Review Board was to be appointed by the Federation Parliament House of Representatives, which was, *inter alia*, to manage the process of selection of the Director of Administrative Services in the Federation Ministry of Interior;

Recalling further that, pursuant to Article 42 of the *Law on Internal Affairs of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina*, an Independent Selection and Review Board was to be appointed by the Federation Parliament House of Representatives, which was, *inter alia*, to manage the process of selection of the Director of Police in the Federation Ministry of Interior;

Bearing in mind that, the House of Representatives has not to the date hereof appointed the said or any Board;

Conscious of the deleterious consequences of further delay in the establishment of the aforesaid Board, including the risk of jeopardy to the ability of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina to award the Federation Ministry of Interior final accreditation.

Bearing in mind the totality of the matters aforesaid the High Representative hereby issues with immediate effect the following

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The following individuals shall be appointed to the Independent Selection and Review

Board under the Law on Internal Affairs of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The said Board shall be deemed to be the duly appointed Board under Articles 25 and 42 of the Law on Internal Affairs of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and responsible for, *inter alia*, the selection of the Director of Police and Director of Administrative Services of the Federation Ministry of Interior.

Mr. Kemal Begovic

Dr. Bajro Golic
Mr. Mensur Hadzimusic
Mr. Zoran Cegar
Mr. Dragoljub Tomic
Mr. Djordje Miseljic
Mrs. Olivija Tesevic

This Decision shall enter into force forthwith. It shall be published without delay in the Official Gazette of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Sarajevo, 6 October 2002

Paddy Ashdown
High Representative