

Notice of Decision by the High Representative to Lift the Ban Imposed on Blasko Jevric by the High Representative Decision, dated 07 September 2000

The High Representative, by way of his Decision, dated 07 September 2000 ("the 2000 Decision"), removed Blasko Jevric from public office. This Decision also barred Mr. Jevric from holding elected or appointed public office ("Ban"). The 2000 Decision further provided explicitly for a lifting of the Ban at the sole discretion of the High Representative.

Upon careful consideration of Mr. Jevric's case and after concluding that the reasons for his removal no longer apply and he no longer poses a threat to peace implementation, institutional integrity or democracy in Bosnia and Herzegovina, I have decided to repeal the Ban, subject to the limitations set forth below.

Blasko Jevric shall not:

(1) be a candidate in the next elections; and

(2) hold any public office in the field of refugee return until the High Representative decides otherwise or until Annex VII to the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina is completed, whichever occurs first.

Subject to these two limitations, Blasko Jevric is expressly permitted to hold public office.

The principles of equity, proper governance and judicious exercise of the High Representative's international mandate, all of which take into account the balance between the protection of national stability and the rights of the individual, justify this outcome.

This Decision does not call into question the validity of the 2000 Decision. This Decision does not entitle Mr. Jevric to automatic restoration to the office from which he was removed pursuant to the 2000 Decision. Further, this Decision does not entitle him to compensation for any remuneration, other forms of unvested monetary benefits or privileges or status forfeited as a result of the 2000 Decision.

This Decision does not constitute an amnesty but rather a repeal, prospectively, of the 2000 Decision. The latter is not expunged and remains as part of the legislative record of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

This Decision does not prejudice the right of the High Representative to remove Mr. Jevric again should he, while occupying a public office in the future, be deemed to have violated his oath to respect the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina and to uphold the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which oath was freely given as a condition precedent for the lifting of the Ban.

To the extent the terms of this Decision contradict domestic legislation on any of the subjects encompassed thereby, the former shall prevail. High Representative Decisions supersede and preempt contradictory domestic legislation. This legislative statement is declaratory of existing and prospective High Representative Decisions.

This Decision has immediate effect and will not require any further procedural steps.

This Decision shall be published without delay in the Official Gazette of the Republika Srpska.

Sarajevo, 3 June 2005
Paddy Ashdown
High Representative