Notice of Decision by the High Representative to Lift the Ban Imposed on Zoran Nikolić by the High Representative Decision dated 29 November 1999

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The High Representative by way of his Decision dated 29 November 1999 ("the 1999 Decision") removed Mr. Zoran Nikolić from his position as delegate to the Republika Srpska National Assembly. This Decision also barred Mr. Nikolić from holding any executive office at any level ("Ban") unless authorised to do so.

Upon consideration of Mr. Nikolić's case, I have decided to repeal the Ban. Mr. Zoran Nikolić is no longer barred by the decision of the High Representative from holding any executive office at any level. For the avoidance of any doubt, any ban arising out of the 1999 Decision is hereby lifted.

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 1999 Decision. This Decision does not entitle Mr. Nikolić to restoration to the office from which he was removed pursuant to the 1999 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 1999 Decision.

This Decision does not constitute an amnesty but rather a repeal, prospectively, of the 1999 Decision. The latter is not expunged and remains as part of the legislative record of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

This Decision does not affect or otherwise prejudice any pending or impending legal proceedings in or outside of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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 Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Sarajevo, 19 August 2014

Dr. Valentin Inzko
High Representative