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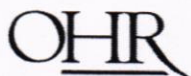
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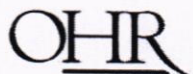
Sarajevo, 27 April 2023

Excellencies,

In the exercise of the powers vested in the High Representative and in close consultations with the Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council, I issued today several decisions. The *Decision Enacting Amendments to the Criminal Code of Bosnia and Herzegovina*, the *Decision Enacting Amendment to the Criminal Code of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina*, and the *Decision Enacting Amendments to the Criminal Code of Republika Srpska*.

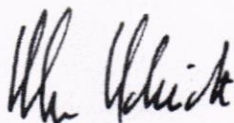
The decisions introduce comprehensive new provisions sanctioning any form of bribery of officials, especially in the context of elections, in all three criminal codes. These new offences are meant to fight systemic political corruption which remains a fundamental stumbling block, causing serious damage to the economy and citizens' daily lives. In particular they should strengthen the integrity of elections by efficiently sanctioning any instances of bribery of elected officials.

I am convinced that these Decisions can help to strengthen the rule of law, the integrity of elections and the fight against corruption in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



I expect you to immediately undertake steps towards ensuring that they are implemented in full.

Sincerely,



Christian Schmidt

Attachment:

1. Decision Enacting Amendments to the Criminal Code of Bosnia and Herzegovina
2. Decision Enacting Amendment to the Criminal Code of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
3. Decision Enacting Amendments to the Criminal Code of Republika Srpska.