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BiH does not have a drug agency

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There is chaos on BiH pharmaceutical market...

[P. 7] SARAJEVO – “There is a joint need and agreement to support establishment of a BiH drug agency that would enable resolving of numerous problems in current purchase and quality control of medicines,” they emphasized in Sarajevo, at an assembly session of the Association of foreign producers of medicines in BiH. Chairman of the association, dr. Mehmed Kundurovic reminded that the initiative to form a single state drug agency started as a consequence of non-regulated relations on BiH pharmaceutical market, double registration procedure above all and quality control in entities, which opens a possibility for illegal import and insufficient control of medicines. “After one-year-long activities, the Association received unambiguous support of the Bulldozer Committee, and we expect the first pre-draft documents for the single drug agency to be in the procedure as soon as possible,” Kundurovic emphasized. “BiH is the only country in the world without a single drug agency,” the Bulldozer Committee coordinator, Benjamin Herzberg said. He worked on creation of reforms in this field with members of the Association of foreign producers of medicines in BiH. He added that politicians on state and entity levels would soon be presented proposals defined by the association. The Association of foreign producers of medicines in BiH has existed for a year and a half with 28 members in BiH territory. In October last year, it joined the world association of foreign medicine

producers at a congress in Berlin, Fena reported.

