



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Member of the Commission

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Dear Prime Minister,

I have been informed of the Agreement on Restructuring of Police Structures passed yesterday. I can confirm that this is now a European Commission-endorsed agreement.

Based on the English version of the Agreement, I consider it – as long as there are no changes to the text – to be in accordance with the three European Commission principles on police reform, i.e. i) all legislative and budgetary competences vested at State level; ii) no political interference with operational policing; iii) functional local police areas determined by technical policing criteria. The implementation of this reform will need to be carried out in accordance with the European Commission's requirements, and the European Commission will closely monitor this process.

To enable the European Union to open negotiations on a Stabilisation and Association Agreement, I very much hope this agreement will be supported by the Council of Ministers and the Federation Parliament immediately, and then by the BiH Parliament. This Agreement represents a crucial step to enable the European Commission to recommend negotiations on an SAA.

I wish to assure you once again of my full support in the reform of the police in BiH and in the process undertaken by BiH towards a Stabilisation and Association Agreement.

Yours sincerely,

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