



United States Mission to the OSCE

On Recent Developments in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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The United States remains fully committed to Bosnia and Herzegovina's (BiH) sovereignty and territorial integrity. Ensuring BiH's stability is critical to preventing conflict and maintaining security in BiH and the region.

We also remain committed to the principles of the Dayton Peace Agreement – that Bosnia and Herzegovina is a democratic, sovereign, and independent state composed of two entities and the Brcko District as well as three constituent peoples.

We oppose any actions that undermine the country's security and stability. In particular, we oppose Republika Srpska (RS) President Dodik's rhetoric and actions that undermine BiH state-level institution and threaten BiH's security and stability.

The legislation the Republika Srpska National Assembly passed last week and that President Dodik signed into law March 5th, undermines the Dayton Peace Agreement and BiH's judicial system.

The Constitutional Court is an essential state institution and we expect all citizens and local institutions to abide by its decisions. The legislation calls into question the authority of state-level institution and seeks to prohibit them from exercising their mandated functions within the RS. This legislation threatens regional security and stability in BiH and the region.

We also want to underscore our strong support for the Office of the High Representative, whose legitimacy is indisputable under the Dayton Peace Accords. We support the High Representative's use of his Bonn Powers to defend the Dayton Peace Agreement, when necessary.

The United States remains committed to working with our international partners to uphold the Dayton Peace Agreement and support BiH's democratic and Euro-Atlantic future.

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