


ANNEX C4: Formal mandate -Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bosnia and Herzegovina's "Protocols for Prosperity" is an example of giving dialogue a high-profile political and formal mandate.



Bosnia and Herzegovina

Protocols for Prosperity

Recognizing that economic progress is essential in the process of developing a stable and cohesive Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Observing in particular that the economic challenges facing Bosnia and Herzegovina can only be overcome through reform.

Aware of the difficulties experienced by workers, employers and entrepreneurs because of legislation that is not harmonized and because existing standards currently applied in BiH do not yet conform to relevant Directives of the European Council.

Recognizing the importance of incorporating modern principles of international law as an integral part of the law of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Conscious that the Bulldozer Initiative was launched on 12 November 2002 with the sole purpose of identifying problems faced by entrepreneurs and to enact, within 150 days, 50 economic reforms comprising legal amendments and administrative decisions that provide a modern, coherent and efficient regulatory regime supporting free-market standards and economic development.

And supporting that initiative while remaining mindful of the urgency of developing a legislative framework and structural conditions under which to build a progressive economic environment.

We the undersigned confirm the following:

Clause 1

We have begun a dialogue under the auspices of the Bulldozer Initiative, which has resulted in the emergence of a stronger civic society, recognizing that civic society has acted as a responsible and viable partner in the productive and open dialogue with the political representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Clause 2

Working to a timeframe target of 150 days, private sector representatives and political and regulatory bodies have taken part in this dialogue, which has led to the successful enactment of 50 economic reforms at an average rate of one reform every four days.

Clause 3

The reforms of the Bulldozer initiative, which we are committed to implement, have materially improved the business environment of Bosnia and Herzegovina and this success has prompted us to engage in a second phase of reform, called "Bulldozer Phase II".

Clause 4

Through Bulldozer Phase II, we agree to continue this dialogue and make it more inclusive, incorporating representatives of the trade union and other civic organizations. This trilateral dialogue – with the participation of government, businesses and unions – will facilitate the design and implementation of reforms that address the requirements of a modern democracy.

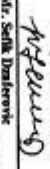



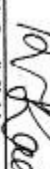

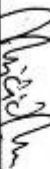

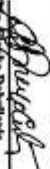





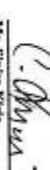






Clause 5

We are resolved to create the necessary conditions for a open and welcoming business environment in BiH: by identifying and eliminating pointless bureaucratic obstacles, by promoting exports through the introduction of harmonized, EU-compatible regulations, and by unlocking domestic resources through reforms at the local level, which will benefit every citizen in every municipality in BiH.

Clause 6

We commit ourselves to ensure proper implementation of all these reforms. Furthermore, we will do everything possible to ensure that "Bulldozer Phase II" is as successful as Phase I and that the Bulldozer process as a whole delivers tangible improvements which BiH businesspeople and citizens are entitled to expect, so that the economic environment in which they evolve sets positive prerequisites for a better future and for sustainable prosperity.

Signed in Sarajevo, on the 4th of June 2003.

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