



The Parliamentary Assembly of BiH



2006 - 2010



FACTS ON BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

The state of Bosnia and Herzegovina is comprised of two entities: the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republika Srpska. Brčko District has a special status. The present constitutional-legal system of Bosnia and Herzegovina is determined by the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which was initiated in Dayton (USA) on 21 November 1995 and signed in Paris (France) on 14 December 1995.

The government, at the state level, is divided into the:

- a) Legislative (Parliamentary Assembly of BiH);
- b) Executive (Presidency of BiH and Council of Ministers of BiH); and
- c) Judiciary (Constitutional Court of BiH and Court of BiH).



Territory: 52.197 square meters

Population: 4.332.339 (Bosniak 43.5%; Serb 31.3%, Croat 17.6%, Other 7.6%, as per the 1991 Population Census)

Capital: Sarajevo, 289,973 inhabitants

Other major cities: Banja Luka, Tuzla, Zenica, Mostar

Languages: Bosnian, Croatian, and Serbian

Scripts: Latin and Cyrillic

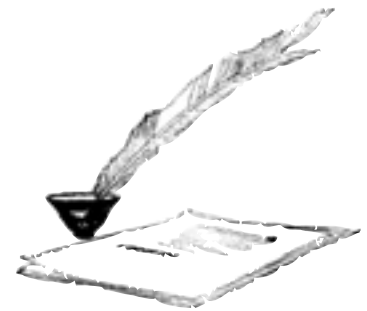
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Coat of Arms of BiH



Flag of BiH



PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

The Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina was established with the signing of the Dayton Peace Agreement, which was agreed to in the town of Dayton (USA) during the month of November and was signed on 14 December 1995 in Paris.

This highest-level legislative body of Bosnia and Herzegovina consists of two Houses, the House of Representatives and the House of Peoples, and all legislative decisions require approval in both Houses of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH.

Prior to 2002 the mandate of Members of the Parliamentary Assembly lasted for two years, but since the 2002 elections they have been elected and delegated four-year mandates.

The Parliamentary Assembly adopts laws, approves the budget, and makes decisions on the sources and the amount of revenue needed for financing the institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina and its international obligations. The Parliamentary Assembly confirms the appointment of the Chair and Members of the BiH Council of Ministers, gives consent for the ratification of international treaties and decides on other issues that are necessary for it to exercise its own responsibilities or those assigned to it by an agreement between the entities.

The Houses of the Parliamentary Assembly perform legislative, informative and oversight activities and regulate internal organization and their own operating methods.

The seat of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH is in Sarajevo, Trg BiH 1.



CONSTITUTION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

The Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina is an integral part of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, better known as the Dayton Peace Agreement, which was initialed on 21 November 1995 in the American town of Dayton and signed on 14 December 1995 in Paris.

The text of the Constitution of BiH is represented in Annex 4 of the adopted peace agreement which provided Bosnia and Herzegovina with a complex and decentralised state structure consisting of two entities, the Federation of BiH and the Republika Srpska. The original text of the Constitution of BiH is written in the English language.





LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE

A bill may be introduced by any representative, any committee of the House, any joint committee, both Houses, as well as by the BiH Presidency and the BiH Council of Ministers within the scope of their respective competencies.

The bill is submitted to the Speaker who forwards it immediately to the Collegium. The Collegium shall decide within seven days to which committee the proposed draft law should be assigned, forward it to the Constitutional-Legal Committee for its opinion on compliance with the BiH Constitution and the legal system and then forward it to the competent committee for an opinion on the principles on which the proposed draft law is grounded.

If the Collegium decides that a Joint Committee of both Houses is the competent committee, the bill is delivered to the Joint Collegium. Upon confirmation by the Joint Collegium that the Joint Committee is the competent committee, the bill is delivered to the Constitutional-Legal committees of the Houses. After the Constitutional-Legal committees provide their opinion, the procedure is continued by the relevant Joint Committee pursuant to the Rules of Procedure of the Houses.

Upon receipt of the opinions from the Constitutional-Legal Committee and the competent committee, which is delivered by the Speaker of the House, the Collegium puts the draft law onto the agenda of a House session that is scheduled to take place within 7 to 15 days.

The discussion in the House is conducted in two readings.

The discussion in the House commences with the **first reading**, which deals with the need to pass the draft law and the principles the draft law is based on, and takes into consideration the opinions provided by the Constitutional-Legal Committees and the competent committee from the first phase of deliberation. After the first reading, the competent committee discusses the draft law again. During this phase, the authorised proponents in the competent committee may submit amendments to the text of the draft law.

The second reading consists of a discussion and vote on proposed amendments, and a vote on the law in its final form.

A law is considered adopted after both Houses have approved identical versions of it. If the versions adopted by both Houses are not identical, a Joint Commission is established in order to attempt to reach an agreement on an identical text.

If one of the Houses does not adopt the report of the Joint Commission, the draft law shall be deemed rejected.





The design phase of the Assembly building of the Socialist Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina lasted from 1975 to 1977, after which the construction work started on building a useful office space of approximately 25,000 m². The designer of this project was professor Juraj Najthart and during the design and implementation phases the project was managed by professor Hamdija Salihović and his associates.

The construction of this large building was finished in the latter part of 1980 and was initially used by the Assembly and some Ministries of the Socialist Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

When it was designed and built, the Assembly building was one of the best equipped government facilities in Europe.

During the war, between 1992 and 1995, the building suffered significant damage and devastation but has been mostly restored in the post war period, from 1996 to 2005. With the state's resources, as well as funding from the EU and the international community, the restoration work has been progressing constantly up to the present day.



GRAND HALL

An integral part of the facility of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH is the Grand Hall, which has 524 seats in the central area and an additional 112 seats for visitors and the media in the galleries. The Grand Hall was almost totally destroyed during the war. It was officially reopened on 30 September 2005 after the first phase of its reconstruction was completed.

In the first phase of its reconstruction, the Grand Hall was equipped with multimedia hardware essential for the functioning of a modern parliamentary and congressional area. This basic IT infrastructure will allow for the introduction of new technologies in subsequent phases of development.

Currently, the Grand Hall is used to host large public hearings, congresses, symposiums, conferences, and other similar manifestations.

Apart from the Grand Hall and the White Hall, the facility of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH has four smaller meeting halls, including a ceremonial saloon and a hall for press conferences.

The Assembly Hall on the fourth floor of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH facility is currently under reconstruction.



WHITE HALL

After 12 years of disuse, on 22 March 2004, the White Hall was reopened on the second floor of the BiH Institutions Building for a joint plenary session of both Houses of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH. Since then, Members of Parliament have had access to improved facilities and current technology, such as an electronic voting system, which enables a more reliable and quicker voting and decision-making process.

The White Hall has a total of 180 seats. Apart from active participants, sessions can be attended by numerous guests such as journalists, pupils, students, representatives of non-governmental organisations and other interested individuals. With the reopening of the White Hall, conditions were established that could support the implementation of the "Open Parliament" project and high-quality television recording.



2006 GENERAL ELECTIONS RESULTS

Excerpt from Verified Election Results for General Elections held on 1 October 2006



The House of Representatives of PABiH - from the Federation of BiH

Total number of valid votes	853.372
Total number of invalid votes	68.492
Total number of seats	28
Total number of regular ballots	838.903
Total number of ballots received by mail	9.031
Total number of valid absentee ballots	4.171
Total number of valid ballots	1.267

PARTY	NUMBER OF VOTES	%	SEATS	DIRECT	COMPENSATORY
1. SDA	217.961	25,54 %	8	7	1
2. SBiH	196.230	22,99 %	7	6	1
3. SDP	131.450	15,40 %	5	4	1
4. HDZ BiH Coalition	68.188	7,99 %	3	2	1
5. HDZ 1990 Coalition	52.095	6,10 %	2	1	1
6. BPS - Sefer Halilović	37.608	4,41 %	1		1
7. NS RZB	27.487	3,22 %	1		1
8. DNZBiH	16.221	1,90 %	1	1	

The House of Representatives of PABiH - from the Republika Srpska

Total number of valid votes	558.706
Total number of invalid votes	33.027
Total number of seats	14
Total number of regular ballots	534.065
Total number of ballots received by mail	13.311
Total number of valid absentee ballots	9.288
Total number of valid ballots	2.042

The fifth convocation of the House of Representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina has 42 Members who were elected at the General Elections in BiH held on 1 October 2006. They represent the 12 political parties in the House of Representatives of the BiH PA. Members are also organised into eight caucuses.

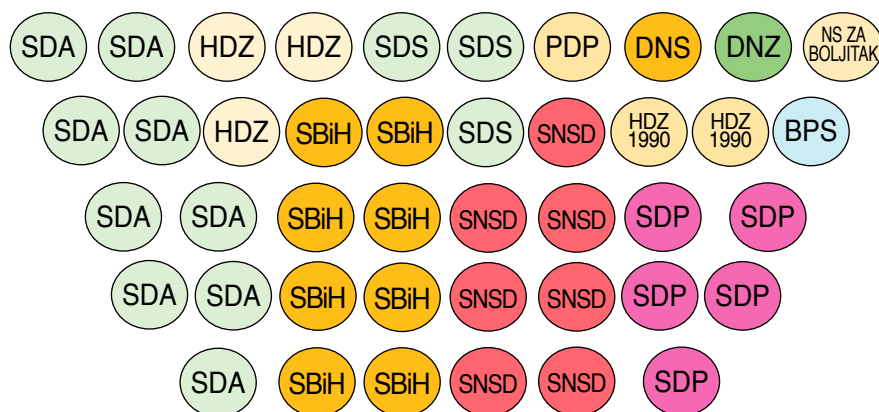
The Members made a solemn oath at the constituent session of the House of Representatives held on 11 November 2006 and on 11 January 2007.

PARTY	NUMBER OF VOTES	%	SEATS	DIRECT	COMPENSATORY
1. SNSD - M. Dodik	262.203	46,93 %	7	6	1
2. SDS	108.616	19,44 %	3	3	
3. PDP	28.410	5,08 %	1		1
4. SBiH	23.257	4,16 %	1		1
5. SDA	20.514	3,67 %	1		1
6. DNS	19.868	3,56 %	1		1

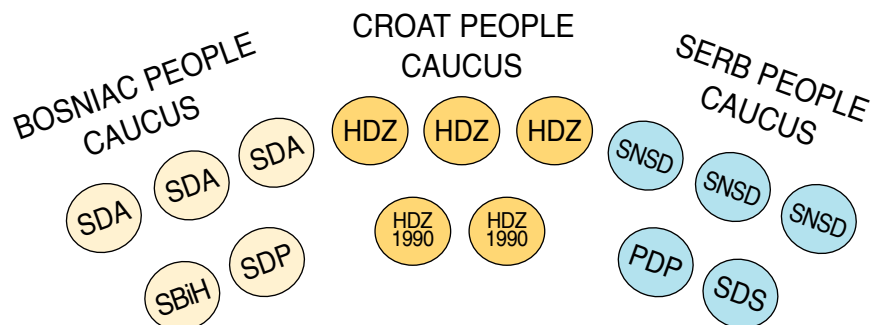
COMPOSITION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF BiH IN 2006 - 2010 MANDATE

CAUCUS STRUCTURE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



HOUSE OF PEOPLES



POLITICAL PARTIES REPRESENTED IN THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF BiH

- PARTY OF DEMOCRATIC ACTION (SDA)
- PARTY FOR BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (SBiH)
- ALLIANCE OF INDEPENDENT SOCIALDEMOCRATS - MILORAD DODIK (SNSD)
- SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF BiH
 - SOCIALDEMOCRATS OF BiH (SDP)
- SERB DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDS)
- CROATIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION OF BiH (HDZ)
- CROATIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION 1990
 - CROATIAN ALLIANCE (HDZ 1990)
- BOSNIAN-HERZEGOVINIAN PATRIOTIC PARTY
 - SEFER HALILOVIĆ (BPS)
- DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES UNION BiH (DNZBiH)
- DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES ALLIANCE (DNS)
- PEOPLES PARTY RADOM ZA BOLJITAK (NSRzB)
- PARTY OF DEMOCRATIC PROGRESS (PDP)

COALITIONS REPRESENTED IN THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF BiH

- HDZ - CROATIAN COALITION
 - CROATIAN PEOPLES UNION (HNZ)
- CROATIAN ALLIANCE:
 - HDZ 1990 - CROATIAN ALLIANCE
 - CROATIAN PEASANTS' PARTY (HSS)
 - CROATIAN CHRISTIAN-DEMOCRATIC UNION BiH (HKDU)
 - CROATIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION BiH (HDU)
 - CROATIAN DEMOCRISTIAN (HD)

THE HOUSE OF PEOPLES

The House of Peoples of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH has 15 delegates, two thirds of whom are from the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (five Bosniak and five Croat delegates) and one third are from the Republika Srpska (five Serb delegates).

The nominated Bosniak and Croat delegates from the Federation of BiH are elected by Bosniak and Croat delegates respectively in the House of Peoples of the Federation of BiH, while the delegates from Republika Srpska are elected by the National Assembly of Republika Srpska.



The work of the House is managed by the Collegium, which is comprised of the Speaker and the First and Second Deputy Speakers of the House. In line with the Constitution of BiH, the role of Speaker rotates between these three Members every eight months.

The Speaker, with the agreement of the Deputies, or at his/her own initiative, convenes Sessions of the House and proposes the agenda.



According to the Rules of Procedure of the House of Peoples, the Collegium is tasked with: “enabling delegates to exercise the rights and duties that are related to the execution of their mandate; proposing the criteria which regulate the rights and duties of professional delegates; co-operating with the House of Representatives, including on the convention of plenary sessions of both Houses upon its own request or that of the Collegium of the House of Representatives; scheduling joint sessions of the Collegia; exercising the rights and duties of the House with regard to the Presidency of BiH and the Council of Ministers of BiH under the BiH Constitution, the law and these Rules of Procedure; as well as with performing other duties.”

A proposed decision of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH can be declared destructive to the vital interests of the Bosniak, Croat, or Serb people by a majority of votes from the Bosniak, Croat or Serb delegates in the House of Peoples. Such proposed decision has to be approved by a majority of Bosniak, Croat, and Serb delegates who are present and voting.



In the event that a majority of Bosniak, Croat or Serb delegates object to an invocation of the protection of vital interest, the Speaker of the House of Peoples will immediately convene a Joint Commission consisting of three members (one Bosniak, one Croat and one Serb delegate) in order to resolve the issue. If this Commission fails to resolve the issue within five days, the case is transferred to the Constitutional Court, which will, under emergency procedure, review the procedural correctness of the matter.

COLLEGIUM OF THE HOUSE OF PEOPLES



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STATISTICS ON THE HOUSE OF PEOPLES ON THE CONSTITUENT DAY (14 March 2007)

GENDER STRUCTURE

WOMEN:	2	(13%)
MEN:	13	(87%)

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES:	15	(100%)
COLLEGE GRADUATES:	-	-
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES	-	-

AGE

20-30:	-	-
31-40:	-	-
41-50:	6	(40%)
51-60:	7	(46%)
60 +:	2	(13%)

DELEGATES IN THE HOUSE OF PEOPLES



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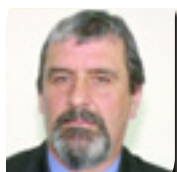
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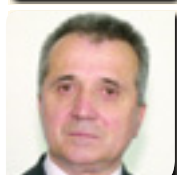
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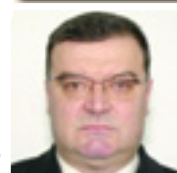
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Adem Ibrahimpašić - Deputy Chair of the Caucus
Alma Čolo
Hilmo Neimarlija
Sulejman Tihic

Croat People Caucus:

Branko Zrno - Chair of the Caucus
Ivo Miro Jović - Deputy Chair of the Caucus
Ilija Filipović
Božo Rajić
Rudo Vidović

Serb People Caucus:

Dušanka Majkić - Chair of the Caucus
Drago Ljubičić - Deputy Chair of the Caucus
Mladen Ivanić
Zoran Koprivica
Slobodan Šaraba

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF PEOPLES

The House establishes permanent and temporary committees of the House and, together with the House of Representatives, also establishes permanent and temporary joint committees of both Houses of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH.

A committee of the House of Peoples consists of no more than six members. The allocation of seats in the committees must reflect the relative size of the caucuses in the House of Peoples. Two-thirds of the committee members must be from the Federation of BiH and one-third from the Republika Srpska. A committee takes decisions by a simple majority on the condition that a quorum exists in which all three constituent peoples are represented.



The committee will elect its Chairperson as well as the First and Second Deputy Chairpersons from amongst its members. They will be elected from the three constituent peoples.

The committees provide opinions, submit proposals and reports to the House and perform other duties as stipulated by the Rules of Procedure or the law. The committees also decide on matters for which the House has transferred them the competencies for, but the competence to adopt laws cannot be transferred to the committees.



In the House of Peoples there are three permanent committees

Constitutional-Legal Committee

1. Ivo Miro Jović - Chair
2. Slobodan Šaraba - First Deputy Chair
3. Sulejman Tihić - Second Deputy Chair
4. Zoran Koprivica
5. Hilmo Neimarlija
6. Rudo Vidović

Committee on Foreign and Trade Policy, Customs, Transportation and Communications

1. Alma Čolo - Chair
2. Rudo Vidović - First Deputy Chair
3. Dušanka Majkić - Second Deputy Chair
4. Adem Ibrahimpašić
5. Slobodan Šaraba
6. Branko Zrno

Committee on Finance and Budget

1. Dušanka Majkić - Chair
2. Adem Ibrahimpašić - First Deputy Chair
3. Božo Rajić - Second Deputy Chair
4. Ilija Filipović
5. Drago Ljubičić
6. Hazim Rančić





The House of Representatives has 42 members, two-thirds are elected directly from the territory of the Federation of BiH and one-third from the territory of Republika Srpska. A majority of all Members elected to the House of Representatives comprises a quorum.

The work of the House is managed by the Collegium, which is composed of the Speaker, First Deputy Speaker and Second Deputy Speaker. In line with the Constitution of BiH, the position of Speaker is rotated between the three Members of the Collegium every eight months.

The Speaker of the House, with the agreement of the Deputies, convenes sessions and proposes the agenda.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



STATISTICS ON THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (on the Elections Day 2006)

AGE

20-30	1	2%
31-40	5	12%
41-50	22	53%
51-60	9	21%
60 +	5	12%

GENDER STRUCTURE

TOTAL:	42	100%
WOMEN:	5	11,9%
MEN:	37	88,1%

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES:	39	93%
COLLEGE GRADUATES:	2	4,7%
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:	1	2,3%



COLLEGIUM OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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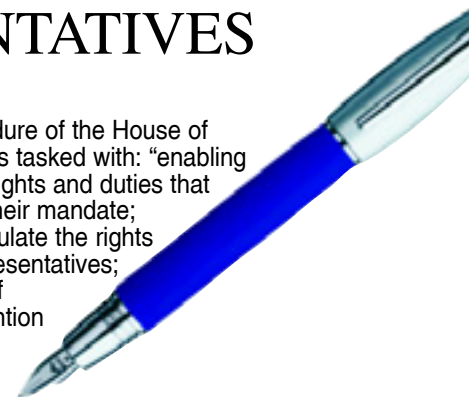
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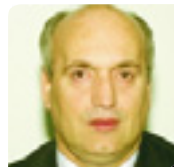
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Caucus of SNSD members:

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Caucus of SDS members:

Momčilo Novaković (Chair of the Caucus), Savo Erić (Deputy Chair of the Caucus), Mirko Okolić

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Jerko Ivanković - Lijanović (Chair of the Caucus), Sefer Halilović (Deputy Chair of the Caucus), Rifat Dolić

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THE COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Permanent committees of the House of Representatives have nine members, although temporary committees can have less members. The allocation of seats in committees is proportionate to the size of the caucuses in the House of Representatives. Two-thirds of the committee members are elected from the territory of the Federation of BiH and one-third from the territory of the Republika Srpska.

A committee takes decisions by a simple majority on the condition that at least a majority of members are present. The exception to this rule is taking final decisions on which the House does not vote, in which case the committee decides in accordance with the procedure stipulated in Articles 79 and 80 of the Rules of Procedure of the House.



The committees elect the Chairperson and the First and Second Deputy Chairpersons from amongst their members. They are elected from the three constituent peoples.

The committees provide opinions, submit proposals and report to the House and perform other duties as stipulated by the Rules of Procedure. The committees also decide upon matters for which the House has transferred them the competencies for, but the competence to adopt laws cannot be transferred to these committees.

In the House of Representatives there are seven permanent committees:

Constitutional-Legal Committee

1. Šefik Džaferović - Chair
2. Drago Kalabić - First Deputy Chair
3. Martin Raguž - Second Deputy Chair
4. Ekrem Ajanović
5. Halid Genjac
6. Adem Huskić
7. Velimir Jukić
8. Momčilo Novaković
9. Lazar Prodanović

Committee on Foreign Affairs

1. Slavko Matić - Chair
2. Azra Hadžiahmetović - First Deputy Chair
3. Milica Marković - Second Deputy Chair
4. Sadik Ahmetović
5. Azra Alajbegović
6. Denis Bećirović
7. Sefer Halilović
8. Husein Nanić
9. Milorad Živković

Committee on Foreign Trade and Customs

1. Snježana Rajilić - Chair
2. Mehmed Suljkanović - First Deputy Chair
3. Jerko Ivanković Lijanović - Second Deputy Chair
4. Ekrem Ajanović
5. Slavko Jovičić
6. Jozo Križanović
7. Šemsudin Mehmedović
8. Hadži Jovan Mitrović
9. Salko Sokolović

Committee on Finance and Budget

1. Sadik Bahtić Sado - Chair
2. Lazar Prodanović - First Deputy Chair
3. Velimir Jukić - Second Deputy Chair
4. Savo Erić
5. Adem Huskić
6. Bajazit Jašarević
7. Drago Kalabić
8. Zlatko Lagumdžija
9. Salko Sokolović



Committee on Transport and Communications

1. Branko Dokić - Chair
2. Šemsudin Mehmedović - First Deputy Chair
3. Slavko Matić - Second Deputy Chair
4. Sadik Bahtić Sado
5. Selim Bešlagić
6. Savo Erić
7. Husein Nanić
8. Snježana Rajilić
9. Mehmed Suljkanović

Committee on Gender Equality

1. Vinko Zorić - Chair
2. Jovan Todorović - First Deputy Chair
3. Sead Jamakosmanović - Second Deputy Chair
4. Rifat Dolić
5. Savo Erić
6. Halid Genjac
7. Remzija Kadrić
8. Jozo Križanović
9. Mirjana Malić

Committee for the Preparation of the Election of the BiH Council of Ministers

(The number of members in the Committee for the Preparation of Election of the BiH Council of Ministers is not fixed and is determined for each individual mandate of the House at the inaugural session, depending on election results, and it is ensured that each political party elected to the House of Representatives has a member on the Committee.)

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3. Jerko Ivanković Lijanović - Second Deputy Chair
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8. Velimir Jukić
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10. Hadži Jovan Mitrović
11. Mirko Okolić
12. Vinko Zorić



JOINT COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE



A Joint Committee of the Houses of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH consists of twelve members, six of whom are Members of the House of Representatives and the other half are Delegates from the House of Peoples, but it is also required that two thirds of members are elected from the territory of the Federation of BiH and one third from the territory of the Republika Srpska.

A Joint Committee adopts decisions by a simple majority vote provided that this majority includes at least one third of the members of each House and one representative of each constituent people.

A Joint Committee elects the Chairperson, as well as the First and Second Deputy Chairpersons, from amongst its members and they are elected from the ranks of the three constituent peoples. The Chairperson and the First Deputy Chairperson cannot be from the same House.

Permanent Joint Committees of the Houses of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH:

Joint Committee on Defence and Security of BiH

1. Branko Zrno - Chair
2. Šefik Džaferović - First Deputy Chair
3. Slobodan Šaraba - Second Deputy Chair
4. Adem Huskić
5. Ivo Miro Jović
6. Drago Kalabić
7. Jozo Križanović
8. Dušanka Majkić
9. Mirko Okolić
10. Hazim Rančić
11. Sulejman Tihić
12. Vinko Zorić

Joint Security and Intelligence Committee on Supervision of the work of Intelligence and Security Agency of BiH

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2. Božo Rajić - First Deputy Chair
3. Šemsudin Mehmedović - Second Deputy Chair
4. Sadik Bahtić Sado

5. Slavko Jovičić
6. Zoran Koprivica
7. Zlatko Lagumdžija
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9. Drago Ljubičić
10. Hilmo Neimarlija
11. Hazim Rančić
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Joint Committee on Economic Reforms and Development

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4. Rifat Dolić
5. Azra Hadžiahmetović
6. Adem Ibrahimpašić
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HOUSE OF PEOPLES OF THE BiH PA

The Joint Committees provide opinions to the Houses, submit proposals and reports, and perform other duties as stipulated by the Rules of Procedure of both Houses. The Joint Committees decide also on matters for which the Houses have transferred them the competencies for, but the competence to adopt laws cannot be transferred to these Committees.

At the proposal of representatives, delegates and their caucuses, the Houses may establish temporary Joint Commissions/working groups for the purpose of monitoring, considering and investigating specific issues as well as for preparing and presenting proposals for the adoption of draft laws or other acts under the competencies of both Houses.



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JOINT SESSIONS OF THE HOUSES OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF BiH

Joint sessions of the Houses are convened by the Speakers of the Houses when the Joint Collegium decides that it is necessary, on ceremonial occasions, and in exceptional circumstances. They can also be convened upon the request of the Presidency of BiH.

A joint session of the Houses is presided over by one of the two Speakers of the Houses - who alternate the Chairmanship between sessions - and the agenda for the joint session is determined by the Joint Collegium.

When it comes to decision-making, the Houses vote separately and follow the Rules of Procedure of their respective Houses.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF

As part of its contribution to BiH's foreign policy objectives, the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH appoints permanent delegations in international organisations of which the BiH PA is a member or an associate member, establishes friendship groups for cooperating with other parliaments, and also establishes mixed working bodies for cooperating with other parliaments, as well as inter-parliamentary organisations and institutions. Its overriding aim is to ensure Bosnia and Herzegovina's integration into European and Euro-Atlantic institutions and also to establish strong and friendly bilateral relations.

The BiH PA's international activities are also carried out by the Speakers of the Houses, delegations, and committees at meetings, and through participation in numerous conferences, roundtable discussions, seminars, colloquiums and workshops.

Through its permanent delegations the BiH PA is a member of:

- **Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)**
- **Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE PA)**
- **Parliamentary Assembly of the Central European Initiative (CEI PA)**
- **Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU),**

It has a permanent delegation in and is an Associate Member of:

- **Parliamentary Assembly of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO PA)**

Additionally, intensive contact is maintained with the **Assembly of the Western European Union**, where the BiH PA has observer status.

Delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)

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Mladen Ivanić - Chair (2009)
Slavko Matić - Chair (2010)
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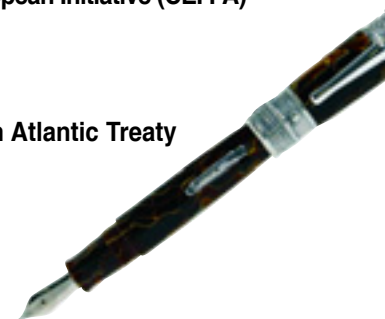
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THE SECRETARIAT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF BiH

The Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH performs the duties required of it by the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH so that the Assembly can perform its duties according to the Constitution, the law, the Rules of Procedure, conclusions, guidelines, work programmes, and other acts of the Houses of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH. The Secretariat also ensures that the work of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH is conducted legally, expertly, efficiently, rationally, and punctually.

The Secretariat is organised into three units: the Expert Service of the House of Representatives, the Expert Service of the House of Peoples, and the Common Service.

The work and tasks of the Secretariat are managed by:

- Expert Service of the House of Representatives
- Expert Service of the House of Peoples
- Common Service

Within these services the organizational units are:

- Cabinets of the Secretaries to the Houses and Secretary of the Common Service
- Offices of the committee Secretaries
- Sections

The work of the Secretariat is managed and coordinated by the Collegium of the Secretariat, which consists of the Secretary of the Common Service, the Secretary of the House of Representatives, and the Secretary of the House of Peoples.



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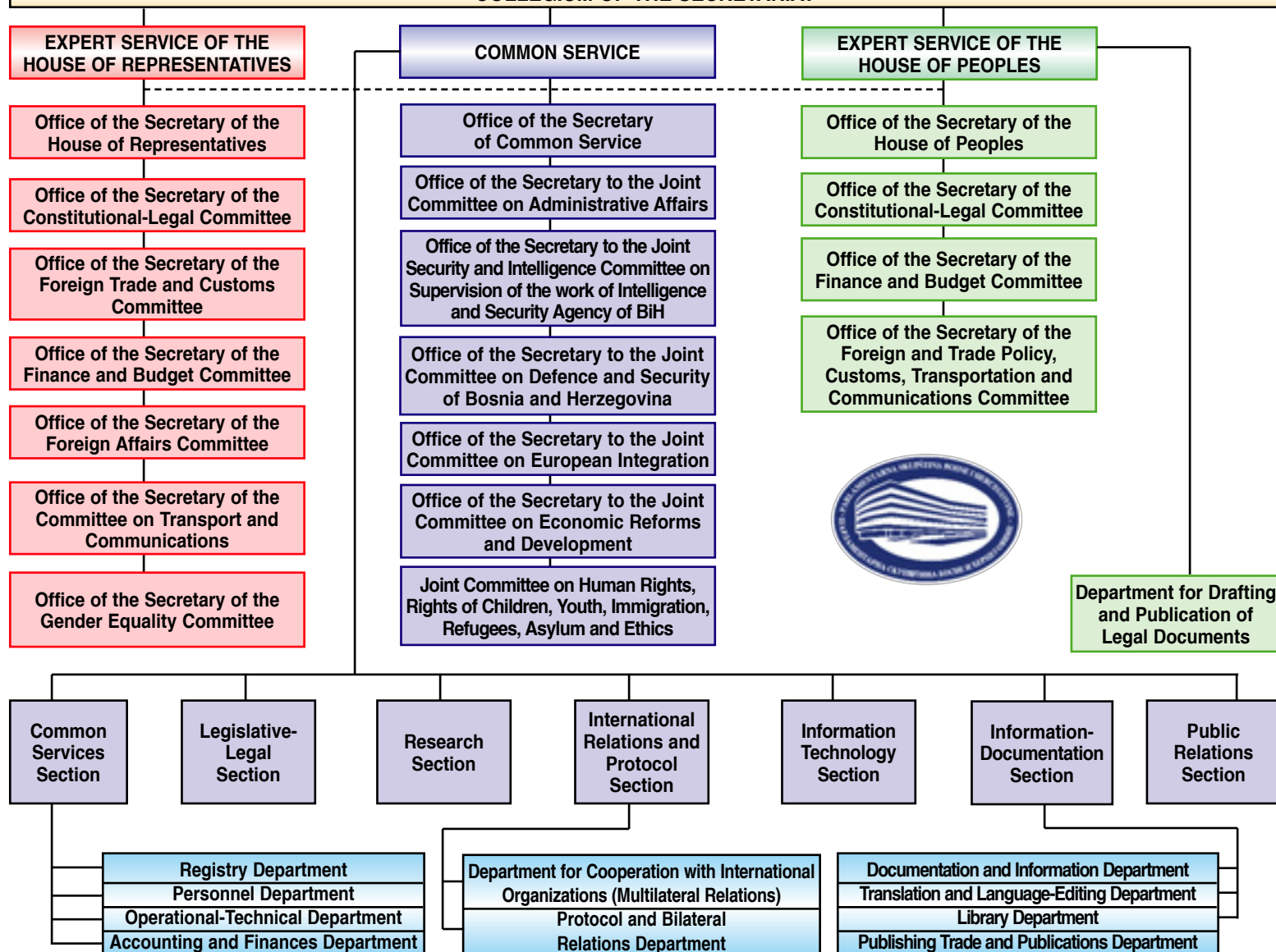
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OPEN PARLIAMENT

The **"Open Parliament"** project was initiated in 2005 in order to bring the BiH Parliamentary Assembly and its work closer to BiH citizens through a series of organised group study visits. The project is also aimed at increasing the transparency of the work of this state institution and raising awareness about the role this institution has in the process of democratization in BiH society today.

Through this project, the legislative process and other basic functions of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH are presented to a large number of citizens. It is also an opportunity to promote objectives agreed and adopted by consensus that derive from Bosnia and Herzegovina's aspirations to join European and Euro-Atlantic structures. The original idea of the "Open Parliament" project has been built upon and now the media is also involved. Fifty one-hour "Open Parliament" TV debates have been aired, most of them have covered topics that are on the legislative agenda of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH. This project is the first of its kind in Bosnia and Herzegovina and complements other activities the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH is doing to keep the public continually informed, such as issuing periodical publications and press releases; maintaining permanent communication with the media, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations; holding public hearings and roundtable discussions; organising visits; and conducting other promotional activities.

Over the course of the "Open Parliament" project, several thousands of citizens have visited the Parliamentary Assembly, mostly high school and university students. However, the visits can also be organised for other groups of citizens if they are interested, depending if it is possible at the time.





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