



Statement by

**H.E. Igor Davidovic, Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the OSCE
in response to the Report of the Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia, H.E.
Ambassador Dimitrios Kypreos**

to the Permanent Council, 4 March 2010

Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina I would like to warmly welcome H.E. Ambassador Kypreos and thank him for his presentation. Although Bosnia and Herzegovina fully associates itself with the points and contents of the statement delivered by the distinguished Ambassador of Spain on behalf of the EU, we would like to respond on our national capacity.

Again, we would gladly like to comment the overall positive developments in Serbia, specifically its constant contribution in building peace in the region of the Western Balkans as a whole.

Allow me to make a few additional remarks as the Representative of a neighboring country specifically mentioned under Serbia's Foreign policy chapter in Ambassador Kypreos' Report:

Bosnia and Herzegovina fully recognizes Serbia's strong commitment in observing differences between the three constitutive nations through fostering dialogue and contributing to political consultation over the course of the constitutional reforms processes, however only with the full respect of Bosnia and Herzegovina's territorial integrity and sovereignty, with its two entities and three constituent nations.

Seen from this point, it is only Bosnia and Herzegovina, and its institutions, capable of making decisions and finding solutions which are the result of democratic agreement within its constitutive framework, and it is only up to the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina to decide the faith of the country. Political leadership and Bosnia and Herzegovina's institutions, carrying out constitutional reforms, accept full



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responsibility not only for conducting the process, but also for its implementation at later stage.

Republic of Serbia, as one of the guarantors of the Dayton Peace Agreement, while respecting its consecutive implementation and strict compliance of its provisions, plays a very important, but, like other players outside of BiH, nothing more than advisory and facilitating role in the political consultations taking place in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Therefore, based on mutual respect, we appreciate every advisory effort on behalf of the international community and our closest neighbors as well, to support us in our endeavor towards carrying out reforms and moving towards prosperity of the country as a whole.

Thank you Ambassador Kypreos and thank you Mr. Chairman.