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CEIS URGES THE HIGH REPRESENTATIVE TO GET MORE INVOLVED ON ISSUES OF DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT IN BiH

SARAJEVO, April 7 (FENA) – The Centre for European Integration Strategies (CEIS), a non-governmental organisation with offices in Geneva, Vienna and Sarajevo, requested High Representative Christian Schwarz-Schilling to get more strongly involved on issues threatening to undermine the stability and further democratic development in BiH.

In its latest report “Police and Intelligence Reform in BiH: Urgent Action Required” the CEIS stressed that the new OHR team has withdrawn prematurely to a position of an observer of events in BiH.

CEIS thinks that if such an approach is not changed, the success of some of the most important reforms could be undermined. In this context, CEIS underlines the halt in the police reform process and the insufficient supervision of the BiH Intelligence Agency.

In a statement issued on Friday CEIS warns that if the international community does not take part in resolving these issues, then the signing of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement with the EU planned for late this year will be definitely brought into question. Furthermore, the failure of these reforms could have a negative impact on all other political process in BiH.