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FACTS ABOUT BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) is a state situated in south - eastern Europe in the Balkan Peninsula. The country has a total land mass of 51.129 km². The state of BiH is comprised of two Entities - the Federation of BiH (FBiH) and the Republika Srpska (RS) - and Brčko District, which has a special status.

The present constitutional-legal system of BiH is determined by the General Framework for Peace in BiH, which was initialled in Dayton, USA on 21 November 1995 and signed in Paris, France on 14 December 1995.

At the time of the last population census (1991), BiH had 4,377,033 inhabitants: 44 per cent Bosniaks, 31 per cent Serbs and 17 per cent Croats, while six per cent of citizens declared themselves as Yugoslavs and two per cent as Others. Today, there are also 17 recognized national minorities living in BiH. The religious affiliation reflects the national statistics with the major groups being Muslims, Orthodox Christians and Roman Catholics. There is also a small Jewish population.

Sarajevo is the capital of BiH, with approximately 500,000 inhabitants.

There are three official languages in use in BiH: Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian. There are two official scripts: Latin and Cyrillic.

The government at the state level is divided into three branches: the Legislative (Parliamentary Assembly of BiH), the Executive (Presidency of BiH and the Council of Ministers), and the Judiciary (Constitutional Court of BiH and Court of BiH).



Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herz

The Parliamentary Assembly of BiH (BiH PA) was established by the signing of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in BiH (known as the Dayton Peace Agreement). Annex IV of this Agreement is the Constitution of BiH which stipulates that the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH is the highest legislative body of BiH consisting of two Houses, the House of Peoples and the House of Representatives.

All legislative decisions require approval in both Houses of the BiH PA. Decisions in both Houses are made by majority voting, provided that the majority includes at least one third of the votes from the delegates or representatives of each Entity. There is also a procedure which stipulates that a Bosniak, Croat or Serb majority in the House of Peoples may object to a decision in order to protect vital national interests. The Rules of Procedure of each of the Houses are adopted by a respective majority of votes.

Pursuant to the Constitution, the members of the House of Representatives or the delegates in the House of Peoples shall not be held criminally or civilly liable for any acts carried out within the scope of their duties in the BiH PA.





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The BiH PA adopts laws necessary for the implementation of the decisions of the BiH Presidency and for performing the constitutional functions of the Assembly; makes decisions on the sources and the amount of revenue needed for financing the institutions of BiH and its international obligations; approves the budget for the institutions of BiH; gives consent for the ratification of international treaties and decides upon other issues 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 of BiH perform legislative, oversight and informative activities and regulate their internal organization and operating methods.

The most significant activity conducted by the BiH PA is the legislative one. The Assembly adopts state level laws in the following domains: foreign policy, foreign trade policy, customs and monetary policies, financing of the institutions of BiH and international obligations, regulation of immigration, refugees and asylum issues, enforcement of international and inter-Entity criminal legislation - including relations with Interpol, the establishment and functioning of joint and international communications and regulation of inter-Entity transport and air traffic control. The Constitution of BiH provides that the BiH PA may take over additional competencies if both Entities agree. Consequently, the BiH PA has, in the meantime, taken over certain responsibilities in the field of defence and security, as well as in a number of matters concerning European integration. Many of these competencies are shared because they are not exclusively the competencies of the BiH PA, but rather are shared with authorities at lower levels.



Another important activity, besides legislative, is conducting oversight, reflected in the duty of the executive to report to the BiH PA on the execution of the budget. The BiH Audit Office submits audit reports to the BiH PA on BiH institutions and budget expenditures. The Council of Ministers reports to the BiH PA on policy proposals, on the implementation of acts and other regulations for which it has power vested in it by the Constitution and the law, and for guidelines and co-ordination of the work of the ministries. The Council of Ministers has the responsibility to provide information on any relevant activities from within its powers, if requested by either House. If the BiH PA is not satisfied with the work of the Council of Ministers, it may take a vote of no confidence, after which the Council of Ministers could be called to resign.

Along with the oversight activity, members of both Houses of the BiH PA have the power and responsibility to pose questions to the Council of Ministers of BiH, or any of its members, i.e. to any BiH institution, when deemed necessary. The questions may refer to specific facts, situations or official information related to the work of the specific BiH institutions.

At least once a year there is a joint session of both Houses entitled "Delegates/Members Ask - BiH Council of Ministers Answer." The Q&A sessions are broadcast live to publicize the work of the BiH PA and to better inform citizens about the relevant issues in BiH.

The members of both Houses may submit interpellations pertaining to individual areas within the scope of powers of any BiH institution and BiH State Ministry in the implementation of determined policies and laws.



The transcripts of the sessions of both Houses that are open to the public, unless otherwise provided for by the Rules of Procedures, are publicized for the purpose of providing public information and ensuring transparency.

Nomination and Dismissal of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Upon a proposal by the BiH Presidency, the House of Representatives of the BiH PA approves the nomination of the Chair of the BiH Council of Ministers. The House also approves proposals for the nomination of Ministers made by the Chair of the BiH Council of Ministers.

Based on Article V.4.a. of the Constitution of BiH, if the BiH PA is not satisfied with the work of the BiH Council of Ministers, it may take a vote of no confidence, after which the BiH Council of Ministers has a duty to submit their resignation. The motion of no confidence, or a need for the reconstruction of the Council of Ministers, may be called by a parliamentary group or by a minimum of three members in the House of Representatives or at least three delegates in the House of Peoples.





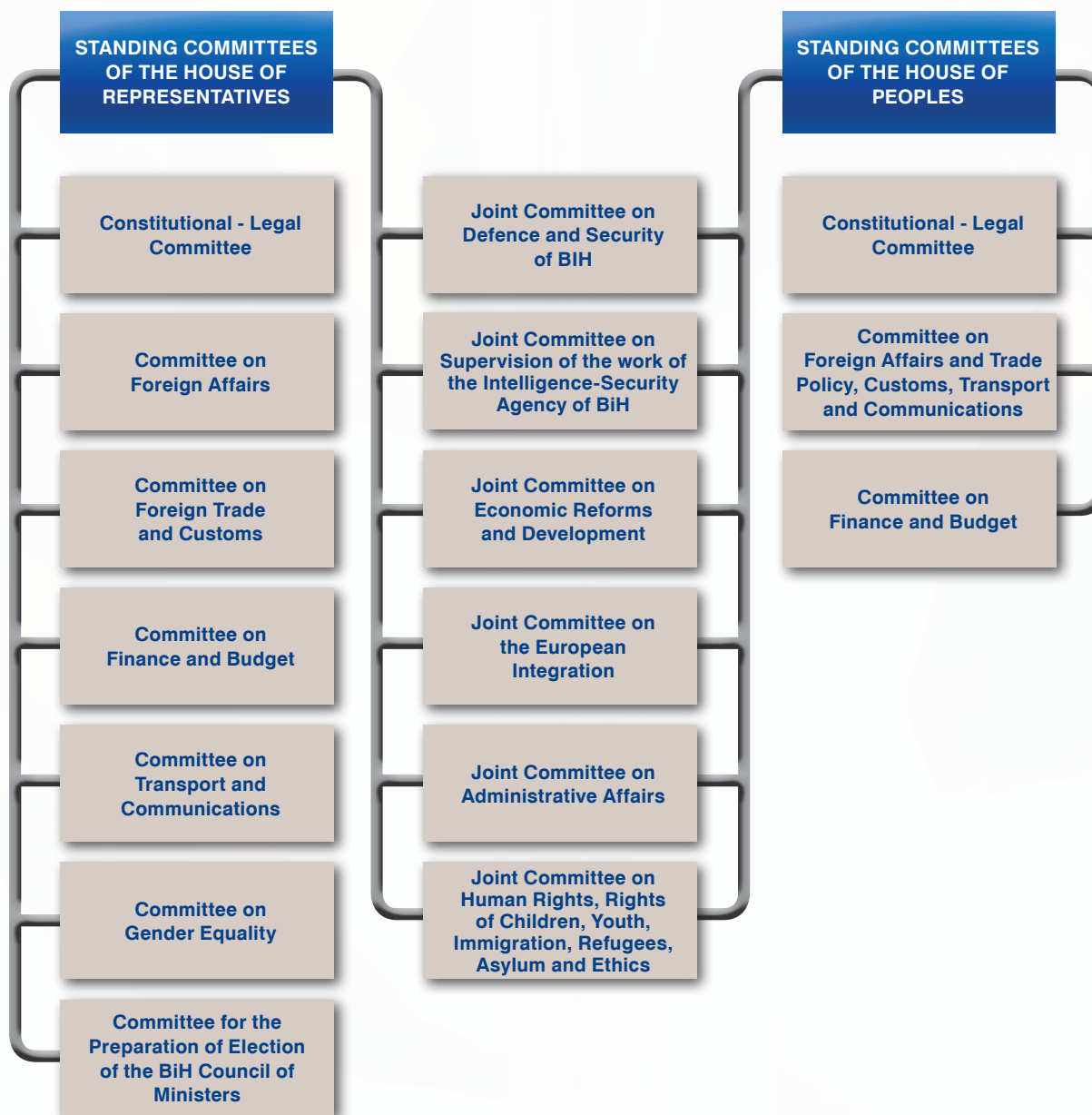
Committees

The committees play a very significant role and contribute to the efficiency and effectiveness of the Houses. The House of Peoples has three permanent committees, the House of Representatives has seven permanent committees, and there are six permanent joint committees.

Both Houses may, upon proposals made by a member, delegate or parliamentary group, set up temporary committees for the realization or preparation of a certain act or an issue. They may also set up investigating committees.

The committees are set up to reflect the individual fields of competence of the BiH PA and their organizational structures correspond to the respective structure of the ministries in the BiH Council of Ministers. This ensures direct parliamentary oversight over the work of the ministries and enforcement of relevant laws. All bills and other acts that are deliberated by the Houses undergo a preliminary procedure by a competent committee. The committee then submits to the Houses their reports and opinions on compatibility with the Constitution and the legal system of BiH. The relevant committee also considers amendments to a bill, and, if adopted, they become part of the proposed law in procedure before the respective House.

Committees may decide to hold public debates on bills, conduct public hearings or request reports by any elected or appointed official, officer or institution.



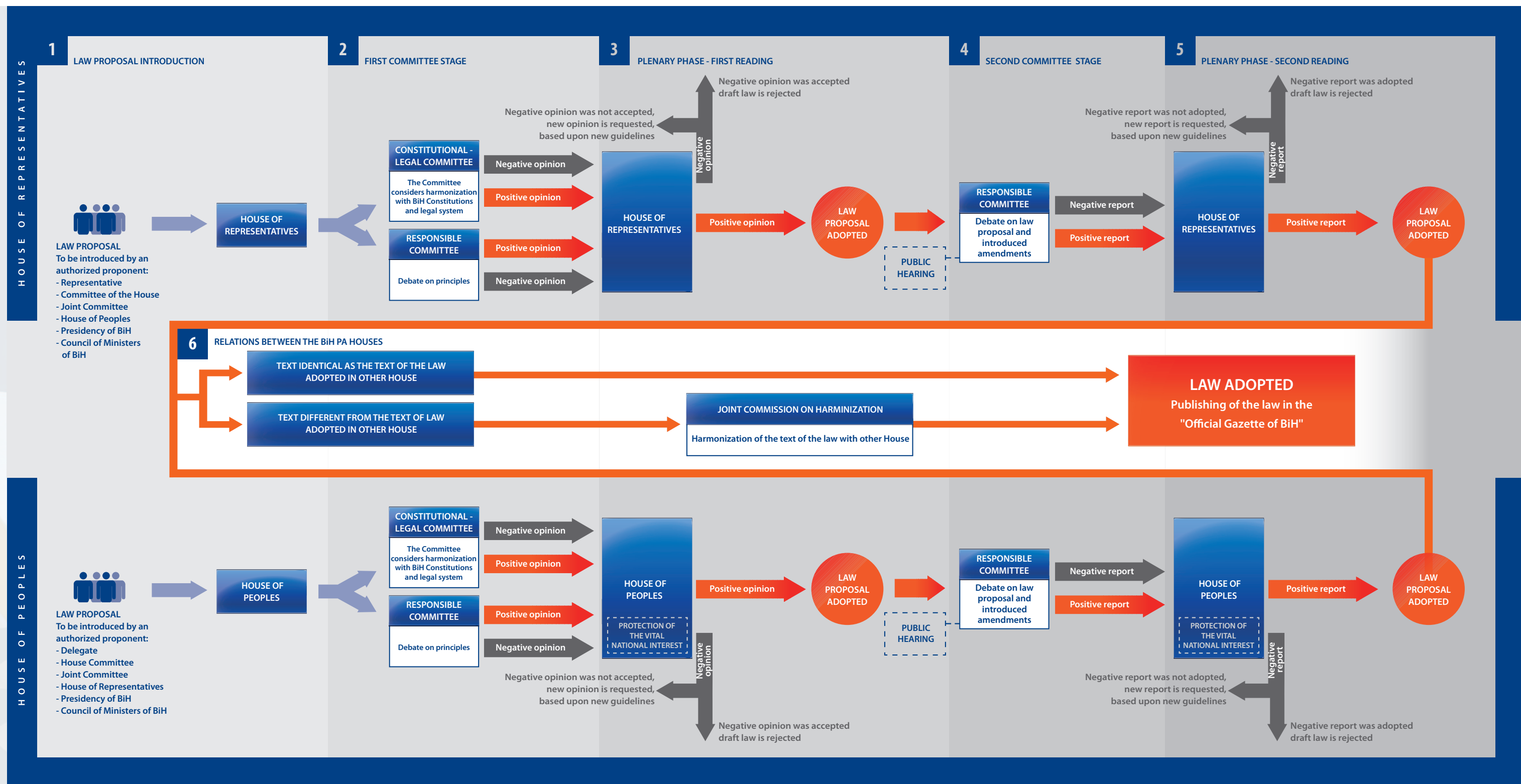


Legislative Procedure



Basic legislative procedure in the House of Representatives and the House of Peoples comprises the following: submission of a bill, first phase in a committee, first reading in the House, second phase in a committee and second reading in the House.

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





◀ *Scheme of the
legislative process*



Basic Legislative Procedure

The authorized proponent submits the bill to the Speaker of the House, who immediately refers it to the Collegium. The Collegium forwards the bill to the Constitutional-Legal Committee for its opinion, and also to the relevant committee, after having considered which committee is competent.

In the first phase, the Constitutional-Legal Committee takes into consideration the compatibility of the bill with the Constitution and legal system of BiH, whereas the competent committee examines the principles on which the bill is founded.

Upon the receipt of the opinions from the Constitutional-Legal Committee and the competent committee, the Collegium puts the bill on the Agenda of the corresponding House session which should take place within seven to 15 days.

The first reading in a House includes a discussion that ends by either adoption or rejection of the bill in the first reading. If a House accepts a negative opinion of the Constitutional-Legal Committee or the competent committee, the bill shall be deemed rejected, while if a positive opinion is approved, the bill is deemed adopted in the first reading. If the bill is not adopted by the House, it forces the committees to provide a new opinion based on new guidelines and terms as established by the House.

In the second phase, the competent committee deliberates and votes on the text of the bill and discusses the proposed amendments, if any. This is followed by a vote on the bill in its new form. The amendments can be submitted by an individual representative/delegate, a parliamentary group of representatives/peoples, a non-competent committee, the proponent of the particular law and the Council of Ministers of BiH.

The bill is then discussed in the second reading at a session of the House, whereupon the competent committee is informed of possible amendments submitted in the plenary phase.

The members/delegates and the parliamentary groups of the representatives/peoples may propose amendments contesting the amendments adopted by the committee. After voting on amendments, the text of the bill is voted on in its final version.

If the text of a bill is adopted by one House, the bill shall be referred to the other House, where the same procedure is repeated. The bill is considered fully adopted when it has been adopted by both Houses with identical text.

If the versions adopted by both Houses are not identical, a Joint Commission is established to reach an agreement on an identical text. If one or both of the Houses does not adopt the report of the Joint Commission, the bill shall be deemed rejected. If both Houses reject the negative report by the Joint Commission, the bill shall be referred to the Joint Commission to develop a new report. A bill is considered adopted when it is in full compliance with the guidelines of both Houses.

Summary or Emergency Legislative Procedure

The Rules of Procedure of both Houses state that laws can be taken into consideration both in a summary or emergency procedure. If a House accepts to deliberate on a bill in a summary or emergency procedure, all the terms of the regular legislative procedure are made half as long with only one reading, and the Collegium may additionally limit the duration of the discussion.

The emergency procedure applies when a bill is very urgent, or when a bill is not very complex and thus can be simply adopted or rejected. Emergency procedures do not allow for amendments.



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GENERAL ELECTIONS 2010

Pursuant to the Constitution and Election Law of BiH, the members of the House of Representatives were elected at the General Elections held on 3 October 2010, while the Entity Parliaments subsequently nominated their delegates to the House of Peoples of the BiH PA.

The members of the House of Representatives of the BiH PA in the sixth mandate began their term of office by taking a solemn declaration at the inaugural session on 30 November 2010. The present members of the House of Representatives included 11 parties and one coalition.



Herzegovina - mandate period 2010-2014

POLITICAL PARTIES AND COALITIONS REPRESENTED IN THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA IN THE 2010-2014 MANDATE

Social Democratic Party of BiH - SDP BiH

Alliance of Independent Social Democrats - SNSD - Milorad Dodik

Party of Democratic Action - SDA

Alliance for the Better Future of BiH - SBB BiH - Fahrudin Radončić

Serbian Democratic Party - SDS

Croatian Democratic Union of BiH - HDZ BiH

Party for BiH - SBiH

Croatian Coalition HDZ 1990 - HSPBiH

People's Party of Work for Progress - NSRzB

Democratic Peoples Union - DNZ

Party of Democratic Progress - PDP

Democratic Peoples Alliance - DNS



House of Representatives



The House of Representatives has 42 members, elected directly from their Entities. Two thirds of the members of the House of Representatives are elected from the territory of the FBiH, and one third are elected from the territory of the RS.

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

A quorum is made up of 22 members, provided that one third of the members from both Entities are present, unless the Constitution or the Rules of Procedure provide otherwise.





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Lijanović



Nermin Purić



Vesna
Krstović-Spremo



Azra
Hadžiahmetović



Beriz Belkić



Amir Fazlić



Zijad Jagodić



Mato
Franjčević



Niko Lozančić



Dragan Vrankić



Petar Kunić



Aleksandra
Pandurević



Mladen Bosić



Borislav Bojić



Darko Babajić



Asim Sarajlić



Šemsudin
Mehmedović



Šefik
Džaferović



Salko Sokolović



Senad Šepić



Saša Bursać



Boško Tomić



Lazar
Prodanović



Milica Marković



Dušanka
Majkić



Saša
Magazinović



Anto Domazet



Mirza
Kušljugić



Mirsad Mešić



Nermina
Zaimović-Uzunović



Nermina
Čemalović



Danijela
Martinović



Slavko Jovičić



Drago Kalabić



Denis Bećirović



Milorad Živković



Božo Ljubić

Composition of the
House of Representatives in the 2010-2014 mandate

SDA	SNSD	SDS
SBB BIH	HDZ BIH	SBIH
SDP BIH	DNS	PDP
NSRzB	DNZ BIH	HDZ 1990 - HSP BIH

◀ *House of Representatives
2010-2014*





Members of the Collegium of the House of Representatives



Bećirović, Denis

SDP BiH

Electoral unit/Entity:

Electoral unit 5/FBiH

Date and place of birth:

28.11.1975, Tuzla

Education and

academic degree:

Faculty of Philosophy,
Doctor of History

Živković, Milorad

SNSD

Electoral unit/Entity:

Electoral unit 2/RS

Date and place of birth:

2.5.1963, Mrkonjić Grad

Education and

academic degree:

Faculty of Medicine,
Master of Medical Sciences

Ljubić, Božo

HDZ 1990-HSP Coalition

Electoral unit/Entity:

Electoral unit 2/FBiH

Date and place of birth:

30.9.1949, Uzarići, Široki Brijeg

Education and

academic degree:

Faculty of Medicine,
Doctor of Medical Sciences,
Professor



House of Representatives 2010-2014

Members

Bašić, Adnan

SBB BiH

Electoral unit/Entity:

Electoral unit 4/FBiH

Date and place of birth:

7.5.1945, Tomislavgrad

Education and academic

degree: Qualified
construction machine
operator

Babalj, Darko

SDS

Electoral unit/Entity:

Electoral unit 3/RS

Date and place of birth:

25.12.1974, Sarajevo

Education and academic

degree: Faculty for
Service Business and
Management, Graduate in
Economics

Ćemalović, Nermina

SDP BiH

Electoral unit/Entity:

Electoral unit 1/FBiH

Date and place of birth:

3.4.1957, Zenica

Education and academic

degree: Faculty of
Medicine, Master of
Medical Sciences

Dervoz, Ismeta

SBB BiH

Electoral unit/Entity:

Electoral unit 3/FBiH

Date and place of birth:

18.1.1954, Sarajevo

Education and academic

degree: Business School,
Bachelor of Economics

Domazet, Anto

SDPBiH

Electoral unit/Entity:

Electoral Unit 3/ FBiH

Date and place of birth:

30.4.1947, Verd,
Republic of Slovenia

Education and academic

degree: Faculty of
Economics, Doctor of
Economics, Professor

Džaferović, Šefik

SDA

Electoral unit/Entity:

Electoral unit 4/FBiH

Date and place of birth:

9.9.1957, Zavidovići

Education and academic

degree: Faculty of Law,
Graduate in Law Sciences,
Jurist

Ivanković Lijanović, Mladen

NSRzB

Electoral unit/Entity:

Electoral unit 2/FBiH

Date and place of birth:

22.8.1960, Tomislavgrad

Education and academic

degree: Faculty of
Mechanical Engineering,
Graduate Engineer in
Mechanical Engineering

Jagodić, Zijad

SDA

Electoral unit/Entity:

Electoral unit 5/FBiH

Date and place of birth:

21.10.1964, Đurđevik

Education and academic

degree: Faculty of Traffic
Engineering, Master in
Traffic Engineering

Jovičić, Slavko

SNSD

Electoral unit/Entity:

Electoral unit 3/RS

Date and place of birth:

10.5.1953, Doljani - Hadžići

Education and academic

degree: School of
Administration, Bachelor
of Administration

Jurišić, Zvonko

HDZ 1990 - HSP Coalition

Electoral unit/Entity:

Electoral unit 2/FBiH

Date and place of birth:

15.10.1961, Zagorje,
Posušje municipality

Education and academic

degree: Faculty of
Dentistry, Graduate in
Dentistry, Specialist



Belkić, Beriz

SBiH

Electoral unit/Entity:
Electoral unit 3/FBiH
Date and place of birth:
8.9.1946, Sarajevo
Education and academic degree: Faculty of Economics, Graduate in Economics

Bojić, Borislav

SDS

Electoral unit/Entity:
Electoral unit 1/RS
Date and place of birth:
16.11.1960, Prijedor
Education and academic degree: Business School, Graduate in Economics

Bosić, Mladen

SDS

Electoral unit/Entity:
Electoral unit 2/RS
Date and place of birth:
24.5.1961, Brčko
Education and academic degree: Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Graduate Engineer of Electrical Engineering

Bursać, Saša

SNSD

Electoral unit/Entity:
Electoral Unit 1/RS
Date and place of birth:
6.5.1980, Prijedor
Education and academic degree: Faculty of Forestry, Forestry Engineer

Đugum, Mirsad

SBB BiH

Electoral unit/Entity:
Electoral unit 3/FBiH
Date and place of birth:
30.7.1957, Tomislavgrad
Education and academic degree: Faculty of Medicine, Graduate in Medical Sciences, Head Doctor, Specialist

Fazlić, Amir

SDA

Electoral unit/Entity:
Electoral unit 5/FBiH
Date and place of birth:
2.1.1963, Gradačac
Education and academic degree: Faculty of Technology, Graduate Engineer in Technology

Franjičević, Mato

HDZ BiH

Electoral unit/Entity:
Electoral unit 1/FBiH
Date and place of birth:
29.10.1958, Livno
Education and academic degree: Faculty of Philosophy, Graduate in History and Philosophy, Teacher of History and Philosophy

Hadžiahmetović, Azra

SBiH

Electoral unit/Entity:
Electoral unit 3/FBiH
Date and place of birth:
20.1.1956, Foča
Education and academic degree: Faculty of Economics, Doctor of Economics, Professor

Kabil, Emir

SBB BiH

Electoral unit/Entity:
Electoral unit 5/FBiH
Date and place of birth:
13.2.1954, Tuzla
Education and academic degree: Faculty of Medicine, Doctor of Medical Sciences, Professor

Kalabić, Drago

SNSD

Electoral unit/Entity:
Electoral unit 1/RS
Date and place of birth:
1.11.1966, Crkvena, Prnjavor
Education and academic degree: Faculty of Law, Graduate in Law Sciences, Jurist

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Party of Democratic Action - SDA
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Democratic Peoples Union - DNZ
Party of Democratic Progress - PDP
Democratic Peoples Alliance - DNS



Krstović - Spremo, Vesna

PDP

Electoral unit/Entity:
Electoral unit 3/RS
Date and place of birth:
10.2.1955, Sarajevo
Education and academic degree: Faculty of Medicine, Master of Medical Sciences

Kušljagić, Mirza

SDP BiH

Electoral unit/Entity:
Electoral unit 5/FBiH
Date and place of birth:
23.6.1955, Tuzla
Education and academic degree: Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Doctor of Electrical Engineering, Professor

Kunić, Petar

DNS

Electoral unit/Entity:
Electoral unit 1/RS
Date and place of birth:
13.2.1949, Glinica, Republic of Croatia
Education and academic degree: Faculty of Law, Doctor of Law, Professor

Martinović, Danijela

SDP BiH

Electoral unit/Entity:
Electoral unit 3/FBiH
Date and place of birth:
11.1.1974, Sarajevo
Education and academic degree: Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Philosophy, Doctor of Economics, Assistant Professor, Graduate in German Language and Literature, Teacher of German Language and Literature

Mešić, Mirsad

SDP BiH

Electoral unit/Entity:
Electoral unit 4/FBiH
Date and place of birth:
30.3.1951, Zenica
Education and academic degree: Faculty of Political Sciences, Graduate in National Defence, Teacher of National Defence

Mehmedović, Šemsudin

SDA

Electoral unit/Entity:
Electoral unit 4/FBiH
Date and place of birth:
20.1.1961, Lepenica, Tešanj
Education and academic degree: Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Graduate Engineer in Mechanical Engineering

Pandurević, Aleksandra

SDS

Electoral unit/Entity:
Electoral unit 3/RS
Date and place of birth:
16.1.1974, Sarajevo
Education and academic degree: Business School, Graduate in Economics

Šepić, Senad

SDA

Electoral unit/Entity:
Electoral unit 1/FBiH
Date and place of birth:
24.12.1977, Cazin
Education and academic degree: Faculty of Philosophy, Graduate in History, Teacher of History

Tomić, Boško

SNSD

Electoral unit/Entity:
Electoral unit 3/RS
Date and place of birth:
20.1.1949, Zabojska, Trnovo
Education and academic degree: Faculty of Political Science, Graduate in Sociology

Vrankić, Dragan

HDZBiH

Electoral unit/Entity:
Electoral Unit 2/FBiH
Date and place of birth:
23.1.1955, Čapljina
Education and academic degree: Faculty of Tourism and Foreign Trade, Graduate in Economics

Zaimović - Uzunović, Nermina

SDP BiH

Electoral unit/Entity:
Electoral unit 4/FBiH
Date and place of birth:
14.2.1954, Sarajevo
Education and academic degree: Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Doctor of Technical Sciences, Professor



Lozančić, Niko

HDZ BiH

Electoral unit/Entity:

Electoral unit 4/FBiH

Date and place of birth:

3.9.195, Kakanj

Education and academic

degree: School of Administration, Bachelor of Administration

Magazinović, Saša

SDP BiH

Electoral unit/Entity:

Electoral unit 3/FBiH

Date and place of birth:

1.11.1978, Sarajevo

Education and academic

degree: Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Graduate Engineer in Mechanical Engineering

Majkić, Dušanka

SNSD

Electoral unit/Entity:

Electoral unit 1/RS

Date and place of birth:

24.7.1952, Teslić

Education and academic

degree: Business School, Bachelor of Commerce and Economics, Graduate Manager in Business Economy

Marković, Milica

SNSD

Electoral unit/Entity:

Electoral unit 2/RS

Date and place of birth:

2.11.1967, Bijeljina

Education and academic

degree: Faculty of Philosophy, Graduate in French Language and Literature, Teacher of French Language and Literature

Prodanović, Lazar

SNSD

Electoral unit/Entity:

Electoral unit 3/RS

Date and place of birth:

1.3.1957, Jelah, Bratunac

Education and academic

degree: Faculty of Medicine, Graduate in Medical Sciences, Doctor Specialist

Purić, Nermin

DNZBiH

Electoral unit/Entity:

Electoral unit 1/FBiH

Date and place of birth:

15.5.1981, Ljubljana, Republic of Slovenia

Education and academic

degree: Business School, Graduate in Economics

Sarajlić, Asim

SDA

Electoral unit/Entity:

Electoral unit 3/FBiH

Date and place of birth:

3.10.1975, Sarajevo

Education and academic

degree: Faculty of Political Sciences, Graduate in Political Sciences, Teacher of Security Sciences

Sokolović, Salko

SDA

Electoral unit/Entity:

Electoral unit 2/FBiH

Date and place of birth:

3.12.1961, Konjic

Education and academic

degree: Faculty of Technology and Metallurgy, Graduate Engineer in Organic Technologies

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Croatian Coalition HDZ 1990 - HSPBiH

People's Party of Work for Progress - NSRzB

Democratic Peoples Union - DNZ

Party of Democratic Progress - PDP

Democratic Peoples Alliance - DNS



Parliamentary Groups of Members in the House of Representatives

Parliamentary Group of SDP BiH members:

1. Magazinović, Saša
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1. Bosić, Mladen
Chair
 2. Babalj, Darko
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Chair
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Parliamentary Group of the Peoples' Parties members:

1. Ljubić, Božo
Chair
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Deputy Chair
 3. Purić, Nermin
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GENDER STRUCTURE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA:

TOTAL	42	%
Men	33	78,6%
Women	9	21,4%


AGE STRUCTURE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA:

AGE	42	%
20 - 30	0	0%
30 - 40	9	21,4%
40 - 50	5	11,9%
50 - 60	21	50%
60+	7	16,7%

EDUCATIONAL STRUCTURE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA:

TOTAL	42	%
Holders of Academic Qualifications	13	30,95%
University graduates	24	57,15%
Bachelor	4	9,5%
High School graduates	1	2,4%

COMPOSITION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE 2010-2014 MANDATE

POLITICAL PARTY-COALITION	FBiH	RS	Total No. of mandates	Total No. of votes
1. Social Democratic Party of BiH - SDP BiH	8		8	284.435
2. Alliance of Independent Social Democrats - SNSD		8	8	277.819
3. Party of Democratic Action - SDA	7		7	214.300
4. Serbian Democratic Party - SDS		4	4	137.844
5. Alliance for the Better Future of BiH - SBB BiH	4		4	130.448
6. Croatian Democratic Union of BiH - HDZ BiH	3		3	114.476
7. Party for BiH - SBiH	2		2	86.669
8. Croatian Coalition HDZ 1990 - HSPBiH	2		2	50.071
9. People's Party of Work for Progress - NSRzB	1		1	49.050
10. Party of Democratic Progress - PDP		1	1	40.070
11. Democratic Peoples Alliance - DNS		1	1	29.658
12. Democratic Peoples Union - DNZ	1		1	15.153
TOTAL	28	14	42	



Committees of the House of Representatives

The House of Representatives appoints both permanent and temporary committees of this House, and with the House of Peoples appoints permanent and temporary committees of both Houses - joint committees. Permanent committees of the House of Representatives have nine members, while temporary committees can have fewer members. The number of members in the Committee for the Preparation of the Election of the BiH Council of Ministers is not fixed and is decided for each mandate individually at the inaugural session, depending on election results. This Committee is composed of one member coming from each political party, coalition, list of independent candidates, and all independent candidates with a representative mandate.

Constitutional-Legal Committee:

1. **Džaferović, Šefik**,
Chair
2. **Franjičević, Mato**,
First Deputy Chair
3. **Pandurević, Aleksandra**,
Second Deputy Chair
4. **Bećirović, Denis**
5. **Kunić, Petar**
6. **Ljubić, Božo**
7. **Magazinović, Saša**
8. **Prodanović, Lazar**
9. **Šepić, Senad**

Committee on Foreign Affairs:

1. **Kušljagić, Mirza**,
Chair
2. **Bosić, Mladen**,
First Deputy Chair
3. **Jurišić, Zvonko**,
Second Deputy Chair
4. **Đugum, Mirsad**
5. **Hadžiahmetović, Azra**
6. **Ivanković Lijanović, Mladen**
7. **Kalabić, Drago**
8. **Marković, Milica**
9. **Sokolović, Salko**

Committee on Foreign Trade and Customs:

1. **Bojić, Borislav**,
Chair
2. **Mehmedović, Šemsudin**,
First Deputy Chair
3. **Vrankić, Dragan**,
Second Deputy Chair
4. **Bursać, Saša**
5. **Čemalović, Nermina**
6. **Jovičić, Slavko**
7. **Kabil, Emir**
8. **Martinović, Danijela**
9. **Purić, Nermin**



The distribution of seats in the committees is proportional to the size of the parliamentary groups in the House. Two thirds of the committee members are elected from the territory of the FBiH and one third from the territory of the RS. The committees, from amongst their members from the three constituent peoples, elect a Chairperson and a First and Second Deputy Chairperson. The committees provide opinions and submit proposals and reports to the House. They also perform other duties as stipulated by the Rules of Procedure. The committees decide on matters for which the House has transferred them the competency to address. The competency however to adopt laws cannot be transferred to a committee.

Committee on Finance and Budget:

1. Kabil, Emir, Chair
2. Tomić, Boško, First Deputy Chair
3. Domazet, Anto, Second Deputy Chair
4. Babalj, Darko
5. Bursać, Saša
6. Fazlić, Amir
7. Ivanković Lijanović, Mladen
8. Lozančić, Niko
9. Sokolović, Salko

Committee on Transport and Communications:

1. Kunić, Petar, Chair
2. Kušljagić, Mirza, First Deputy Chair
3. Ljubić, Božo, Second Deputy Chair
4. Bojić, Borislav
5. Bursać, Saša
6. Dervoz, Ismeta
7. Domazet, Anto
8. Jagodić, Zijad
9. Mehmedović, Šemsudin

Committee on Gender Equality:

1. Lozančić, Niko, Chair
2. Dervoz, Ismeta, First Deputy Chair
3. Marković, Milica, Second Deputy Chair
4. Belkić, Beriz
5. Jagodić, Zijad
6. Krstović - Spremo, Vesna
7. Martinović, Danijela
8. Zaimović - Uzunović, Nermina
9. Živković, Milorad

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

1. Ljubić, Božo, Chair
2. Kalabić, Drago, First Deputy Chair
3. Sarajlić, Asim, Second Deputy Chair
4. Belkić, Beriz
5. Đugum, Mirsad
6. Franjčević, Mato
7. Ivanković Lijanović, Mladen
8. Krstović - Spremo, Vesna
9. Kunić, Petar
10. Magazinović, Saša
11. Pandurević, Aleksandra
12. Purić, Nermin



The House of Peoples



The House of Peoples of the BiH PA has 15 delegates, two thirds of whom are from the FBiH (five Bosniaks and five Croats), and one third of whom are Serbs from the RS. The nominated Bosniak and Croat delegates from the FBiH are elected by Bosniak and Croat delegates respectively in the House of Peoples of the Parliament of the FBiH, while the delegates from the RS are elected by the National Assembly of the RS.

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

A quorum is reached by nine delegates of the House, provided that at least three of them are Bosniaks, three are Croats and three are Serbs. Pursuant to the Constitution, the House of Peoples can be dissolved by either the Presidency of BiH or the House itself.





Stjepan Krešić



Krunoslav Vrdoljak



Martin Raguž



Borjana Krišto



Staša Košarac



Halid Genjac



Nermina Kapetanović



Krstan Simić



Hasan Bećirović



Dragutin Rodić



Mehmed Bradarić



Mladen Ivanić



Dragan Čović



Ognjen Tadić



Sulejman Tihić

Parliamentary groups in the House of Peoples

BOSNIAK PEOPLE'S

CROAT PEOPLE'S

SERB PEOPLE'S

The House of Peoples 2010-2014

VITAL NATIONAL INTEREST

A proposed decision by the BiH PA in the House of Peoples can be declared destructive to the vital interests of one of the three constituent peoples by a majority of votes of Bosniak, Croat or Serb delegates. Such a proposed decision has to be approved by the majority of Bosniak, Croat and Serb delegates who are present and voting. In the event that the majority of Bosniak, Croat or Serb delegates object to such a decision, the Speaker of the House shall immediately convene a Joint Commission comprised of three members (one Bosniak, one Croat and one Serb delegate) in order to resolve the issue. If the Commission fails to resolve the issue within five days, the matter will be referred to the Constitutional Court of BiH, which will, under emergency procedure, review the procedural correctness of the matter.



Members of the Collegium of the House of Peoples



Tihić, Sulejman

**Bosniak People's
Parliamentary Group
Party: SDA**

Date and place of birth:
26.11.1951, Bosanski Šamac
**Education and
academic degree:**
Faculty of Law,
Graduate in Law Sciences,
Jurist

Čović, Dragan

**Croat People's
Parliamentary Group
Party: HDZ BiH**

Date and place of birth:
20.8.1956, Mostar
**Education and
academic degree:**
Faculty of Mechanical
Engineering, Doctor of
Mechanical Engineering,
Professor

Tadić, Ognjen

**Serb People's
Parliamentary Group
Party: SDS**

Date and place of birth:
20.4.1974, Sarajevo
**Education and
academic degree:**
Faculty of Law,
Graduate in Law Sciences,
Jurist



The House of Peoples 2010-2014

Delegates

Bećirović, Hasan

SDP BiH

Date and place of birth:
7.4.1950. Podgorje, Banovići
Education and academic degree:
Faculty of Economics,
Graduate in Economics

Bradarić, Mehmed

SDP BiH

Date and place of birth:
30.5.1958, Maglaj
Education and academic degree:
Faculty of Mechanical
Engineering,
Graduate Engineer in
Mechanical Engineering

Genjac, Halid

SDA

Date and place of birth:
8.3.1958, Visoko
Education and academic degree:
Faculty of Medicine,
Graduate in Medical
Sciences, Doctor Specialist

Krešić, Stjepan

HSP BiH

Date and place of birth:
21.1.1957, Metković,
Republic of Croatia
Education and academic degree:
Faculty of Mechanical
Engineering, Graduate
Engineer in Mechanical
Engineering

Krišto, Borjana

HDZ BiH

Date and place of birth:
13.8.1961, Livno
Education and academic degree:
Faculty of Law,
Graduate in Law Sciences,
Jurist

Raguž, Martin

HDZ 1990

Date and place of birth:
2.3.1958, Stolac
Education and academic degree:
Faculty of Political
Sciences, Graduate in
Political Sciences



Ivanić, Mladen

PDP

Date and place of birth:

16.9.1958, Sanski Most

Education and

academic degree:

Faculty of Economics,
Doctor of Economics,
Professor

Kapetanović, Nermina

SDA

Date and place of birth:

27.2.1962, Zenica

Education and

academic degree:

Faculty of Medicine,
Graduate in Medical
Sciences, Doctor Specialist

Košarac, Staša

SNSD

Date and place of birth:

19.3.1975, Sarajevo

Education and

academic degree:

High School,
Mechanical Technician

Rodić, Dragutin

DNS

Date and place of birth:

1.1.1958, Sanski Most

Education and

academic degree:

Faculty of Law,
Graduate in Law Sciences,
Jurist

Simić, Krstan

SNSD

Date and place of birth:

15.2.1948, Kozice, Sanski Most

Education and

academic degree:

Faculty of Law,
Graduate in Law Sciences,
Jurist

Vrdoljak, Krunoslav

SDP BiH

Date and place of birth:

2.10.1951, Livno

Education and

academic degree:

Faculty of Political
Sciences, Graduate in
Political Sciences

Parliamentary groups in the House of Peoples:

BOSNIAK PEOPLE'S

CROAT PEOPLE'S

SERB PEOPLE'S



Parliamentary Groups in the House of Peoples

Bosniak People's Parliamentary group:

1. **Genjac, Halid**
Chair
2. **Bećirović, Hasan**
Deputy Chair
3. **Bradarić, Mehmed**
4. **Kapetanović, Nermina**
5. **Tihić, Sulejman**

Croat People's Parliamentary Group:

1. **Krišto, Borjana**
Chair
2. **Raguž, Martin**
Deputy Chair
3. **Čović, Dragan**
4. **Krešić, Stjepan**
5. **Vrdoljak, Krunoslav**

Serb People's Parliamentary Group:

1. **Košarac, Staša**
Chair
2. **Rodić, Dragutin**
Deputy Chair
3. **Ivanić, Mladen**
4. **Simić, Krstan**
5. **Tadić, Ognjen**

Committees of the House of Peoples

The House of Peoples appoints permanent and temporary committees of the House and together with the House of Representatives, establishes joint permanent and temporary committees of both Houses. 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 parliamentary groups in the House and two thirds of the committee members must be from the FBiH and one third from the RS. Committees, from amongst their members, elect their Chairperson and their First and the Second Deputy Chairpersons. These three positions must be held by representatives of 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 competency to address. The competency however to adopt laws cannot be transferred to a committee.

Constitutional-Legal Committee:

1. **Simić, Krstan**,
Chair
2. **Tihić, Sulejman**,
First Deputy Chair
3. **Krišto, Borjana**,
Second Deputy Chair
4. **Genjac, Halid**
5. **Raguž, Martin**
6. **Rodić, Dragutin**

Committee on Foreign Trade and Trade Policy, Customs, Transport and Communications:

1. **Bećirović, Hasan**,
Chair
2. **Krešić, Stjepan**,
First Deputy Chair
3. **Košarac, Staša**,
Second Deputy Chair
4. **Kapetanović, Nermina**
5. **Krišto, Borjana**
6. **Tadić, Ognjen**

Committee on Finance and Budget:

1. **Čović, Dragan**,
Chair
2. **Ivanić, Mladen**,
First Deputy Chair
3. **Bećirović, Hasan**,
Second Deputy Chair
4. **Bradarić, Mehmed**
5. **Rodić, Dragutin**
6. **Vrdoljak, Krunoslav**



**GENDER STRUCTURE IN THE HOUSE OF PEOPLES
OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY
OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA:**

TOTAL	15	%
Men	13	86,7%
Women	2	13,3%

**EDUCATIONAL STRUCTURE IN THE HOUSE OF PEOPLES
OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY
OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA:**

TOTAL	15	%
Holders of Academic Qualifications	4	26,65%
University degree	10	66,65%
Bachelor	0	0%
High school degree	1	6,7%

**AGE STRUCTURE IN THE HOUSE OF PEOPLES OF THE
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA:**

TOTAL	15	%
20 - 30	0	0%
30 - 40	2	13,3%
40 - 50	0	0%
50 - 60	9	60%
60+	4	26,7%



Joint Committees and Joint Sessions

Joint Committees

A joint committee consists of 12 members, six of whom are elected by each House of the BiH PA. Two-thirds of the members must be from the FBiH and one third from the RS. The Chairperson and the First and the Second Deputy Chairpersons are elected from amongst their committee members and must represent the three constituent peoples. In the joint committees each House is entitled to one half of all chair positions. Each House must hold a minimum of at least one-third of chair positions.

The joint committees provide their opinions to the Houses, submit proposals and reports and decide on issues which the House has transferred them the competency to address. The competency however to adopt laws cannot be transferred to a committee.

Temporary committees may also be established based on conclusions reached by both Houses. These committees serve to monitor, consider and investigate specific issues as well as to prepare and present proposals for the adoption of draft laws or other acts under the competencies of both Houses.

Permanent Joint Committees

Joint Committee on Defence and Security of BiH:

1. Majkić, Dušanka, Chair
2. Krišto, Borjana, First Deputy Chair
3. Džaferović, Šefik, Second Deputy Chair
4. Belkić, Beriz
5. Bojić, Borislav
6. Bradarić, Mehmed
7. Košarac, Staša
8. Ljubić, Božo
9. Tadić, Ognjen
10. Tihić, Sulejman
11. Vrdoljak, Krunoslav
12. Zaimović - Uzunović, Nermina

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

1. Đugum, Mirsad, Chair
2. Košarac, Staša, First Deputy Chair
3. Raguž, Martin, Second Deputy Chair
4. Babalj, Darko
5. Bećirović, Hasan
6. Fazlić, Amir
7. Franjčević, Mato
8. Jovičić, Slavko
9. Kapetanović, Nermina
10. Krešić, Stjepan
11. Mešić, Mirsad
12. Simić, Krstan

Joint Committee on Economic Reforms and Development:

1. Martinović, Danijela, Chair
2. Simić, Krstan, First Deputy Chair
3. Bećirović, Hasan, Second Deputy Chair
4. Bursać, Saša
5. Čović, Dragan
6. Genjac, Halid
7. Hadžiahmetović, Azra
8. Ivanić, Mladen
9. Jagodić, Zijad
10. Tomić, Boško
11. Vrankić, Dragan
12. Vrdoljak, Krunoslav



Joint Sessions of both Houses

Joint sessions of the Houses of the BiH PA are stipulated by the Rules of Procedure of both Houses. Joint sessions are convened by the Speakers of the Houses when deemed necessary by the Joint Collegium. They can also be convened on occasions of formal ceremonies or upon request of the Presidency of BiH. Joint sessions are presided over on an alternating basis by one of the two Speakers of the Houses. The provisions of the Rules of Procedure apply in making decisions.

Joint Committee on the European Integration:

1. Genjac, Halid,
Chair
2. Krstović-Spremo, Vesna,
First Deputy Chair
3. Krišto, Borjana,
Second Deputy Chair
4. Bradarić, Mehmed
5. Džaferović, Šefik
6. Kabil, Emir
7. Košarac, Staša
8. Krešić, Stjepan
9. Prodanović, Lazar
10. Purić, Nermin
11. Tadić, Ognjen
12. Zaimović - Uzunović, Nermina

Joint Committee on Administrative Affairs:

1. Rodić, Dragutin,
Chair
2. Jurišić, Zvonko,
First Deputy Chair
3. Bašić, Adnan,
Second Deputy Chair
4. Bradarić, Mehmed
5. Čović, Dragan
6. Kalabić, Drago
7. Kapetanović, Nermina
8. Krišto, Borjana
9. Magazinović, Saša
10. Sarajlić, Asim
11. Simić, Krstan
12. Živković, Milorad

Joint Committee on Human Rights, Rights of Children, Youth, Immigration, Refugees, Asylum and Ethics:

1. Pandurević, Aleksandra,
Chair
2. Kapetanović, Nermina,
First Deputy Chair
3. Lozančić, Niko,
Second Deputy Chair
4. Čović, Dragan
5. Čemalović, Nermina
6. Genjac, Halid
7. Ivanić, Mladen
8. Ivanković Lijanović, Mladen
9. Jovičić, Slavko
10. Raguž, Martin
11. Rodić, Dragutin
12. Šepić, Senad



International Activities

The foreign policy activities of the BiH PA fully reflect the foreign policy trends and priorities of BiH as determined by the Presidency of BiH both at the bilateral and multilateral level. Special attention is given to the accession of BiH to Euro-Atlantic integration processes, participation of BiH in multilateral activities, in particular within the United Nations (UN), the Council of Europe (CoE), the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC), as well as the promotion of BiH as a partner in international economic relations and activities that will enable the admission of BiH to the World Trade Organization (WTO) and other international organizations and associations.

The BiH PA maintains continuity in bilateral relations, primarily with neighbouring countries, the countries in the region, EU member states and, equally importantly, with the parliaments of countries that may stimulate the development and overall progress of political, economic and other forms of interstate co-operation.

In terms of strengthening and promoting relations, the BiH PA adopts framework plans for international activities with precisely defined criteria on the manner of their implementation and with regard to the bylaws in force, primarily the Rulebook on the International Activities of the BiH PA.

Through bodies like committees, delegations and collegiums, the BiH PA establishes communication and co-operation with other parliaments throughout the world.

Thus it contributes to the development of parliamentary diplomacy and the creation of the image of BiH in general. This is particularly significant within the context of developing good parliamentary relations with EU and NATO member countries. It is an overriding aim to ensure the integration of BiH into European and Euro-Atlantic institutions and each international gathering is an opportunity to support for these aspirations.

The BiH PA contributes to the realization of BiH foreign policy objectives through its delegations in the assemblies of the Council of Europe (PACE), the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE PA), the Central European Initiative (CEI PA), the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO PA), the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM).

Additionally, the BiH PA maintains communications and co-operation with other bodies in which it does not have a permanent delegation, including: the Assembly of the Western Union (WEU) where BiH has observer status, the Euro Mediterranean Union (EMPA) and the South East European Co-operation Process (SEECP).

At the beginning of 2009, the BiH PA decided to set up friendship groups to further develop parliamentary co-operation. The underlying concept is that such groups can create more direct relations among parliaments and strengthen co-operation with individual countries or groups of countries. Friendship groups are now appointed at the beginning of each mandate.



Parliamentary Delegations

Delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (CoE PA):

Members:

1. Bosić, Mladen
2. Krišto, Borjana
3. Magazinović, Saša
4. Marković, Milica
5. Šepić, Senad

Substitutes:

1. Dervoz, Ismeta
2. Ivanić, Mladen
3. Kapetanović, Nermina
4. Tomić, Boško
5. Vrdoljak, Krunoslav

Delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE PA):

1. Čović, Dragan
2. Kušljagić, Mirza
3. Prodanović, Lazar

Delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Central European Initiative (CEI PA):

1. Jurišić, Zvonko
2. Martinović, Danijela
3. Simić, Krstan

Delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Parliamentary Assembly of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO PA):

1. Ljubić, Božo
2. Sarajlić, Asim
3. Živković, Milorad

Delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU):

1. Babalj, Darko
2. Bećirović, Hasan
3. Čemalović, Nermina
4. Dervoz, Ismeta
5. Franjčević, Mato
6. Hadžiahmetović, Azra
7. Kalabić, Drago
8. Purić, Nermin
9. Rodić, Dragutin
10. Sokolović, Salko
11. Vrdoljak, Krunoslav

Delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM):

1. Ivanković Lijanović, Mladen
2. Mehmedović, Šemsudin
3. Tadić, Ognjen



Other Parliamentary Bodies

In addition to the permanent and temporary committees, there are also special parliamentary bodies established and active in the BiH PA: the Council of National Minorities in BiH, the Office of the Parliamentary Military Commissioner of BiH, the Independent Committee, the Committee for Citizens' Complaints and the Independent Committee for Monitoring of the Conditions in Institutions, Treatment and Observation of Human Rights of Persons under Criminal Sanctions or Other Measures Pronounced by the Court of BiH, or by Foreign Courts for Acts Foreseen by the Criminal Code of BiH or by International Agreement Signed by BiH or Other Courts Pursuant to the Law of BiH.

The Council of National Minorities in BiH is a separate advisory body of the BiH PA. The four-year mandate of the 12 member body is the same as the elected members of the BiH PA. Associations of national minorities and other NGOs are consulted in the election of members to the Council for National Minorities. The Council provides opinions, advice and proposals to the BiH PA on matters concerning the rights, status and interests of national minorities in BiH.

The Office of the Parliamentary Military Commissioner of BiH was established pursuant to the Law on the Parliamentary Military Commissioner of BiH (adopted in 2009). With the establishment of this institution, BiH has recognized the need for further

democratization in the defence sector in this period of post-war transition. The Parliamentary Military Commissioner is appointed by the BiH PA upon proposal by the Joint Committee on Defence and Security of BiH and has a five year mandate. The mandate of the first Parliamentary Military Commissioner began in September 2009, when the Commissioner took an oath before the House of Representatives of the BiH PA. The basic responsibilities and duties of the Parliamentary Military Commissioner include the analysis of specific issues based on instructions provided by the BiH PA and the Joint Committee on Defence and Security of BiH. The Military Commissioner also undertakes activities based on their own assessment, after having received information from members of the BiH PA. The Parliamentary Military Commissioner addresses all potential violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms of military personnel or cadets and has access to all necessary Ministry of Defence files to conduct investigations.

The Independent Committee is an independent body of the BiH PA which does not represent or protect the interests of any specific political party, registered organization or any of the peoples in BiH. The Committee is composed of nine members who are elected from amongst the representatives of judicial institutions, retired police officers, retired and active civil servants, distinguished experts in the fields of law, criminal sciences, police matters, and other areas. The Chair, Deputy Chair and members of the Independent Committee are appointed and relieved by the BiH PA.



The term of office of the members of the Independent Committee is four years.

The competencies of the Committee include the following: developing procedures for the selection of candidates and developing proposals for replacing heads of police bodies in BiH, issuing job announcements and forwarding of candidates' applications to the Minister of Security of BiH for selecting heads and deputy heads of police bodies in BiH, and initiating disciplinary procedures in reference to complaints against heads or deputy heads of police bodies in BiH. The Independent Committee informs the Minister of Security of BiH and the BiH Council of Ministers of complaints and proposes replacements in cases of criminal offence or grave violation of official duty.

The Committee for Citizens' Complaints is an independent body of the BiH PA which does not represent or protect the interests of any specific political party, registered organization or any of the peoples in BiH. The Committee has seven members with a mandate of four years. Members cannot be employed in any police body. The Chair, Deputy Chairs and members of the Committee are nominated and relieved by the BiH PA. The Committee reports to the BiH PA.

The Committee is responsible for receiving, assessing and referring complaints about the actions of BiH police officers to the competent police bodies. The Committee also monitors the status and progress of cases and keeps an archive of all complaints and results of investigations.

Independent Committee for Monitoring of the Conditions in Institutions, Treatment and Observation of Human Rights of Persons under Criminal Sanctions or Other Measures Pronounced by the Court of BiH, or by Foreign Courts for Acts Foreseen by the Criminal Code of BiH or by International Agreement Signed by BiH or Other Courts Pursuant to the Law of BiH monitors the work of relevant institutions.

The monitoring takes place either independently or together with other supervising bodies (domestic or international) with these powers and competencies. The Committee submits its annual report to the BiH PA and the Ministry of Justice of BiH so that they can undertake relevant actions or measures in compliance with the law.

The BiH PA appoints and relieves the Independent Committee. The Committee consists of five members, including one Chairperson and a First and Second Deputy. Members of the Committee are elected and can be re-elected for a second mandate.



The Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Secretariat of the BiH PA provides administrative and technical support to members of Parliament in accordance with the law and the principles of transparency and efficiency.

The work of the Secretariat is managed 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. The Collegium of the Secretariat takes decisions within the competencies of the Secretariat, coordinates the work of the services and internal organizational units and ensures transparency and responsible of expenditures pertaining to the financing of the work of the BiH PA. The mandate of the Collegium is four years.



Collegium of the Secretariat



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Date and place of birth:

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Military Academy,
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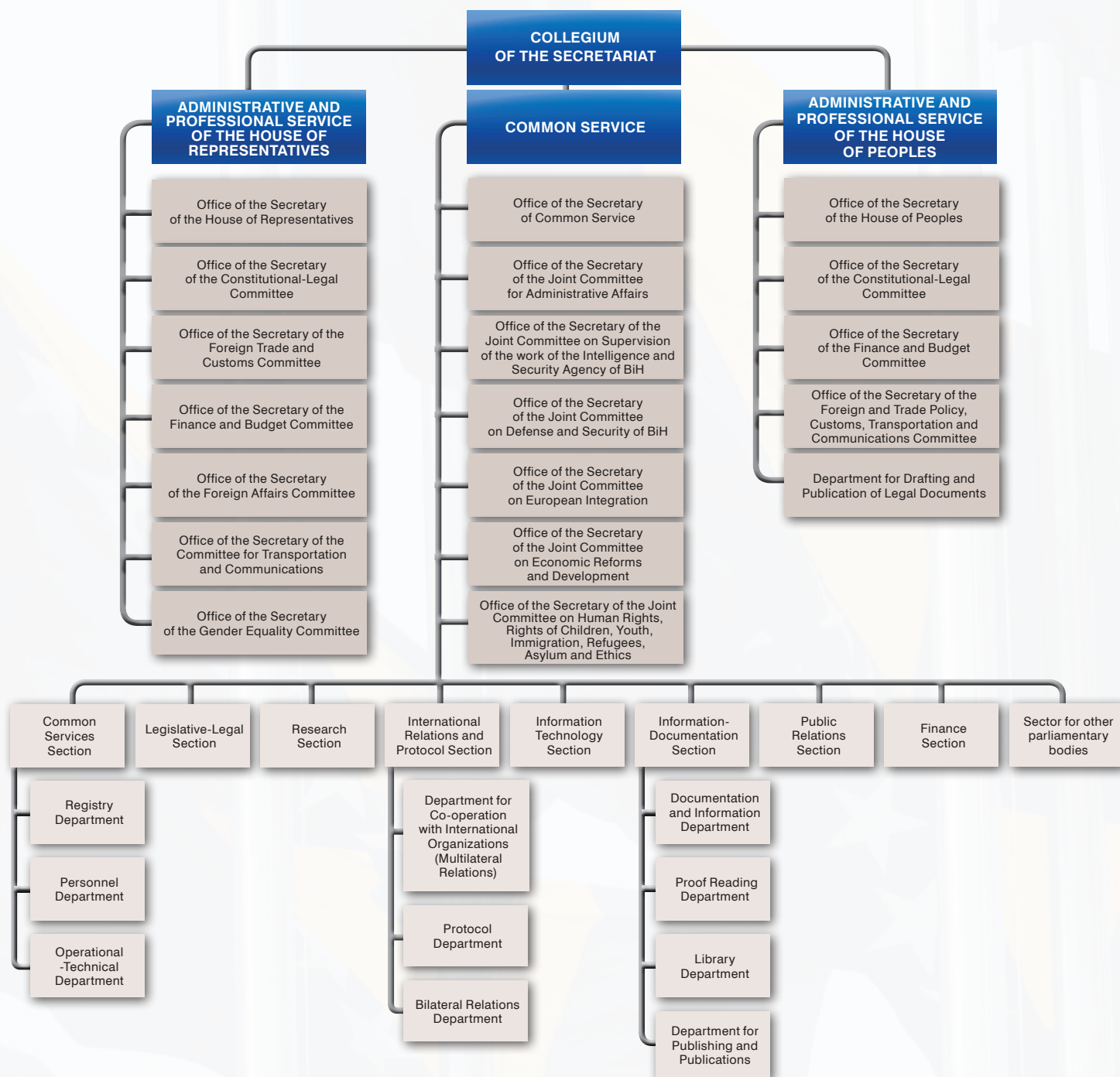
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The Secretariat performs numerous tasks for the BiH PA and ensures that work is conducted legally, professionally and in a cost-effective and timely manner. The Secretariat reports to both the House of Representatives and the House of Peoples. The work of the Secretariat comprises a variety of support tasks - administrative-technical, organizational, financial, informative and consultative - for the BiH PA.

In particular, the Secretariat conducts, prepares, convenes, and takes attendance of all House and committee sessions; analyses proposals and their compatibility with the Constitution and legal system in BiH; provides expert opinion on materials and acts that are under consideration by the Houses or committees; prepares, develops, translates and proofreads drafts and proposals of acts, reports, minutes and other materials in the official languages of BiH and, if need be, in foreign languages as well; and prepares adopted acts for their publication in the Official Gazette of BiH. The Library, containing over 3000 titles, is also part of the Secretariat.

The Secretariat also performs professional and protocol tasks for parliamentary delegations and for the reception of foreign delegations; works in the field of public relations and informs the public about the work of the BiH PA, including the publication of the complete minutes of both Houses; and supports further co-operation of the BiH PA with BiH institutions, the Entities and other bodies. The Secretariat also performs further duties deriving from the Constitution, Laws, Rules of Procedure, conclusions, guidelines, work plans and acts of the two Houses.

OPEN PARLIAMENT

In order to make the most important functions and the legislative process of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH understandable to the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, whilst also promoting the openness and transparency of the institution, the BiH PA Secretariat organizes visits to the Parliamentary Assembly through its Open Parliament project.

Nearly 9000 citizens, mostly pupils and students, have visited the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH to date within the Open Parliament project. Organized visits to the BiH PA, however, can also be arranged for other groups of citizens, depending on area of interest and availability.

The Open Parliament project started in 2005 with support from the OSCE Mission to BiH. In 2009 the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH completely took over the implementation and financing of the project.





The Building of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina

(The seat of the BiH PA: Trg BiH 1, Sarajevo)

The building of the BiH PA is one of the most recognized constructions in our country. Its proximity to, and connection with, the Building of Friendship between Greece and BiH, which accommodates a large number of BiH institutions, creates an administrative hub situated in the centre of Sarajevo. The designer was the renowned architect, Professor Juraj Neidhardt, and the project was managed by Professor Hamdija Salihović and associates. Completed in 1982, the BiH PA building was initially the seat of the Assembly of the then Socialist Republic of BiH. The four-floor building is 107 metres long and is approximately 25,000 square metres.

Today, the building accommodates the BiH PA, with all its bodies and services, as well as some offices of the Council of Ministers of BiH and other BiH institutions. Within the facility there are about 500 offices as





well as the Grand Hall, the White Hall, the Blue Hall, four smaller conference halls, a reception room, the reading room, a press conference room, a Visitor's Centre, a training centre and a journalist's room.

During the war in BiH (1992-1995), the BiH PA building suffered significant damage. The first reconstruction started in autumn 1996 and the building was used again for the first time by the BiH PA in its second mandate.

Over the following years, both the interior and exterior were completely restored. The restoration of this complex was fully completed in June 2010 with the final renovation of the square in front of the building.





Grand Hall

The Grand Hall is on the first floor. It has 526 seats in the central area and an additional 112 seats for visitors and the media. There are also 17 seats for interpreters and technical staff. Its design meets the requirements of a modern parliamentary congress centre with a multimedia structure. It is often used for hosting large public debates, congresses, symposia, conferences and similar events.



White Hall

The White Hall has 180 seats. It is most frequently used for the sessions of the House of Representatives, joint sessions of both Houses, and other events and conferences. It is equipped with an electronic voting system. Sessions in the White Hall can be attended by guests, including representatives of BiH institutions, international organizations, NGOs, members of the diplomatic community, students and others.





Blue Hall

The Blue Hall is used for hosting sessions of the House of Peoples, committee sessions, conferences and seminars. The Hall has 126 seats in total, eight of which are assigned to the Collegium members and the Secretary of the House. The seats in the last row to the left are designated for reporters. The Blue Hall also has an electronic voting system.



Other halls

The facility of the BiH PA has another four smaller conference halls used for the sessions of the committees and of other parliamentary bodies, or for organizing seminars, meetings, round tables and other events. There is also a reception hall on the first floor and a press conference room on the second floor. Within the facility, there is a Visitors Centre which was designed to be a space for introducing visitors to the work of the BiH PA and to offer the opportunity of more direct contact with MPs and parliamentary staff. The Visitors Centre is located on the ground floor. The Training Centre, situated below the ground floor of the building, has a complete set of modern IT equipment enabling video connection with the plenary halls for presentations, lectures and holding seminars.



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