

**Memorandum of Understanding
between
the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina
and
the Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina
of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe**

Recalling the role played by the Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereafter BiH) of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (hereafter OSCE) in advising and supporting the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina,

Confident that the Central Election Commission of BiH is currently fully capable to oversee and guarantee the conduct of fair and democratic elections in accordance with the Constitution of BiH, Election Law of BiH and international standards,

Guided by the need to ensure that the Central Election Commission of BiH remains efficient, organized and well-informed to uphold the electoral process,

Recognizing that this need may require assistance in the future to further develop the capacities of the Central Election Commission of BiH to improve the accountability of elected officials and to enhance the overall implementation of the Law on Political Party Financing and other legislation within the jurisdiction of the Central Election Commission of BiH,

The parties,


1. **Agree** that the Central Election Commission of BiH shall allow the OSCE Mission to BiH to designate one or more representatives independently and on an ad-hoc basis:

- to attend the sessions of the Central Election Commission of BiH as observers with the right to address members of the Central Election Commission of BiH
- to remain informed at all times and in the best manner possible about the activities and decisions of the Central Election Commission of BiH

and to make all materials necessary for sessions of the Central Election Commission of BiH available to the OSCE Mission to BiH in a timely manner;

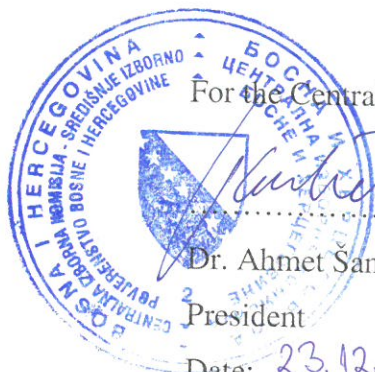
2. **Reaffirm** that the OSCE Mission to BiH will remain ready to assist the Central Election Commission of BiH ,upon its request, concerning the implementation of the Election Law,


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Law on Political Party Financing, Law on Council of Ministers and of any other relevant legislation with a focus on capacity building and awareness raising in order to maintain and enhance the norms, standards, commitments and principles accepted and signed by BiH;

3. **Further reaffirm** that this assistance can take the form of implementing projects to improve the election process and other responsibilities of the Central Election Commission of BiH;
4. **Agree** that the OSCE Mission to BiH will provide support to the Central Election Commission of BiH, upon its request, in acquiring expert opinions and views of relevant international organizations (including but not limited to the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe and the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights) on any issue falling within the jurisdiction of the Central Election Commission of BiH;
5. **Take note** that the Central Election Commission of BiH and the OSCE Mission to BiH may cancel their commitments and the party status obtained through this Memorandum of Understanding by notifying the other party in writing thirty days in advance;
6. **Decide** that this Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective on the date of signing and shall remain effective for a period of one year;
7. **Decide** that the Central Election Commission of BiH and the OSCE Mission to BiH will review their relationship as described in this Memorandum of Understanding on a date not later than one month before expiry of the Memorandum.



For the Central Election Commission of BiH

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President

Date: 23.12.2015.

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For the OSCE Mission to BiH

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