

Procedure file



Basic information

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Resolution on the outlook for Bosnia and Herzegovina		
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Geographical area Bosnia and Herzegovina		

Key players

European Parliament	
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Key events

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Technical information

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Motion for a resolution		B6-0095/2006	15/02/2006	EP	
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Text adopted by Parliament, topical subjects		T6-0065/2006	16/02/2006	EP	Summary

Commission response to text adopted in plenary		SP(2006)1347	04/07/2006	EC	
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Resolution on the outlook for Bosnia and Herzegovina

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the outlook for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The text adopted in plenary was tabled by ALDE, Greens/ALE, UEN, PES and EPP-ED groups.

Welcoming the opening of negotiations on an SAA, Parliament asks all the institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina to continue actively to engage in discussions, building on what has already been agreed regarding possible institutional reforms, which should be aimed at inclusion of the values of democracy, human rights and equality among citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Parliament underlines that the pace of reforms and their implementation will be determined by the ability of domestic political actors to assume responsibility and increased ownership of the political process in the country. It calls on the new EU Special Representative/High Representative to use his powers with restraint so as to encourage the development of genuinely strong and democratic domestic institutions.

Equally, Parliament recalls that the speed of SAA negotiations will depend, in particular, on progress in developing a proper legal framework and efficient public administration. It calls on the country's competent authorities and institutions that they must, in particular, honour their commitments to implement and complete the public broadcasting, police, defence and intelligence reforms, in accordance with the agreed contents and schedule, and adopt and implement all the necessary laws.

Reconfirming that full cooperation with the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia is a precondition for closer relations with the EU, the Parliament asks the government authorities to redouble their efforts to complete the process of return of refugees and displaced persons. It expresses concern about the situation of the Posavina region in this respect and asks that appropriate help be provided to those wishing to return.

Parliament supports the initiative to establish a Truth and Reconciliation Commission aimed at coming to terms with the recent past and dealing with the problems of justice and compensation, with a view to achieving reconciliation between all the components of Bosnian society.

Parliament asks the government to pay more attention to the special needs of rural areas and to work with the Commission on implementation of the reforms identified as being necessary for an effective agriculture and rural development policy. The Commission communication on the western Balkans is welcomed. It aims at fostering trade, economic development, movement of persons, education and research, regional cooperation and civil society dialogue as a further step forward towards the integration of the countries of the region into the European structures. It also reiterates its calls for strengthened cooperation with the countries in the region on border control.

Parliament welcomes the recently signed agreement between Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Serbia-Montenegro on the return of refugees and property reparations as an important step towards tackling the legacy of about three million refugees and internally displaced persons.

Lastly, Parliament urges the Commission and the Member States not to further decrease their contributions to housing reconstruction and economic sustainability projects and, where possible, to make donations, loans and investments conditional upon employment opportunities for returnees.