

Annex

Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina (all members)
Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina (all representatives and delegates)
Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina (all ministers)

A Formal Request for an Initiative from Bosnia and Herzegovina citizens outside BiH borders residing in the following countries (AU, AT, CA, USA, EU, UK, CH)

Dear Sir or Madam,

The requirements for the state of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), or the institutions you are presently in charge of, are as follows:

1. Fulfillment of the valid conclusion of the BiH House of Representatives from 2015 that the Council of Ministers¹ needs to draw up the LAW ON DIASPORA and enable the Diaspora's full participation in the adoption procedure, rather than drafting this law and retroactively inviting to comment on what representatives of the ruling parties have already agreed to and do not want to change.
2. Establish an appropriate institution at the level of BiH that will be explicitly responsible for all issues that refer to citizens outside of BiH, including the development of an earnest network of economic diplomacy in each diplomatic and consular office, which will include representatives of the Diaspora in accordance with their qualifications and demonstrated results in the field.
3. Obligatory inclusion of BiH citizens' outside the borders of BiH long-standing requests in the new ELECTION LAW, which is under preparation (i.e. the abolition of active registration, the introduction of online voting, the establishment of a special election entity, and direct election of representatives outside BiH to the highest legislative body - Parliamentary Assembly of BiH, i.e. its House of Representatives) because the existing solutions openly discriminate against the citizens of BiH beyond the borders of BiH when it comes to the right to vote.
4. Urgent accession to the launch of dual citizenship negotiations with all the countries in which the citizens of BiH reside.
5. Census of BiH citizens outside the borders of Bosnia and Herzegovina (which was not done in the previous Census of population, households and dwellings, carried out in October 2013) - should be a special activity before the next census of BiH population.
6. Urgent introduction of an online application for registering citizens, as well as subsequent enrollment in the BiH registries for children of BiH nationals born abroad.
7. Full respect for the existing multiethnic arrangement, and any other way of organization, without imposing ethnically-biased concepts of representation from BiH, which is considered discrimination in the countries in which we reside.

We urge you to immediately start the activities to meet these 7 requests and to regularly report the results to the general public in BiH and beyond BiH.

Since we care about the progress and well-being of our homeland, we want to be actively involved in the establishment of solutions that apply to us, and not be passive recipients of any, especially discriminatory, solutions.

With respect

¹ At the 14th session of the House of Representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH, held on 30.6.2015., the parliamentary initiative of dr. Denis Bećirović was adopted "which instructs the Council of Ministers of BiH to prepare and submit to the parliamentary procedure the Draft Law on Diaspora of Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2015." (item on agenda No. 11) - this binding decision has not been upheld by the Council of Ministers to this day.