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Statement by Adis Ahmetovic, Member of the German Bundestag, on current developments in Bosnia and Herzegovina - "Do not decide on fates behind closed doors"

"I am convinced of the power of democracy, the power of the EU and the power of (social) justice. That is why I am doing all I can to ensure that nothing happens that would deepen the ethnic divide in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In their last session before the summer break, the members of the German Bundestag cast a clear vote for a democratic and European Bosnia and Herzegovina. We will not leave the country alone in the current situation. Germany is aware of its responsibility. That is why I call on the High Representative to distance himself from the plan to deploy the Bonn Powers at this point in time, so close to the elections in October 2022.

Profound changes should be worked out with the democratically legitimized institutions and the pro-European forces.

All German think tanks, the majority of academics and many international experts advise against some of the discussed changes. I ask the U.S., the U.K. and also the OHR to listen to these voices and let them influence the decisions. Now is this historic moment to show strength and pave the way for a better Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Let us not deal with people's fates behind closed doors. What is happening in Bosnia and Herzegovina right now, we ourselves - speaking from the perspective of a German MP - would never allow in our country. We have to apply this standard when it comes to the fate of others."