

The cooperation of Bosnia and Herzegovina with the International Community has to be stressed positively when examining the issues before the UPR. Further the hardships in adjusting the Constitution and the rather complicated system of government to the requirements of international treaties and the European Union *acquis communautaire* is duly noted.

Nevertheless the urgent need to improve the safety of returning refugees has to be stressed. It is necessary to guarantee both civil and political rights, without discrimination, and economic, social and cultural rights, through sustainable development. The material basis for well-being in the refugees' place of origin might be helped by special social security and a state-run system of human security. International aid and know-how should be actively sought, referring to recommendations Para 90 Item 117 to 122, with all additional resources to be integrated in local efforts following a comprehensive national plan.

Human rights defenders must be properly protected, and impunity must end for their violent past and present antagonists. A new state should rest on the trust of the people in the justice of the basic institutions of state and society, as accepted in Para 90 Item 88 to 97. The recognition of crimes committed where people are individually or collectively violently targeted, and the punishment of the perpetrators thereof, is the basic element of justice.

A similar problem is human trafficking, demeaning to women, while tremendously lucrative to unscrupulous profiteers. A human being is most valuable, but is forbidden to be priced as a good, and given away for monetary benefits. One of the best ways to achieve this is to strengthen the position of women in society on all levels, following Para 90 Item 60 to 66. Bosnia and Herzegovina is well advised to speedily implement recommendations of CEDAW and CERD Committees towards elimination of discrimination against women, as accepted in Para 90 Item 34 to 37.