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The signatories of the present Declaration agree to undertake all necessary activities for implementation of the police reform in accordance with the principles of the European Union, and which are indispensable for continuing the process of association of Bosnia and Herzegovina with the European Union.

We fully and unconditionally agree with the content of the present Declaration and every of its particular point as indicated below.

I. The reform of the current police structures in Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be implemented in line with the following three principles of the European Commission:

1. All legislative and budgetary competencies for all police matters must be vested at the State level.
2. No political interference with operational policing
3. Functional local police areas must be determined by technical policing criteria, where operational command is exercised at the local level.

II. Accordingly, we agree and accept that:

- the overall reform aims at establishing a functional, multiethnic and professional police on the basis of the three principles of the European Commission, and which shall guarantee the security of all citizens and goods on the entire territory of BiH
- the structure of the single police forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be in line with the constitutional structure of the country
- new and reformed police structure of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be based on relevant provisions of the Constitution of BiH, which shall take form during the process of constitutional reform.
- the details of the police structure of BiH shall be defined through two fundamental laws: Law on police service of BiH and Law on Police officials of BiH.

Being aware of the gravity of political momentum in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and of the need to continue as soon as possible on the road of European integrations, the signatories of the present Declaration commit themselves to proceed, without delay, to a full implementation of the above mentioned principles.

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