

**Security Council**

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The Security Council,

Recalling all its previous relevant resolutions,

Recalling also the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Annexes thereto (collectively the Peace Agreement, S/1995/999, Annex), and the conclusions of the Peace Implementation Conferences held in Bonn on 9 and 10 December 1997 (S/1997/979, Annex), Madrid on 16 and 17 December 1998 (S/1999/139, appendix) and Brussels on 23 and 24 May 2000 (S/2000/586, Annex) as well as the Declaration by the Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council on 19 June 2007,

1. *Welcomes* and agrees to the designation by the Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council on 19 June 2007 of Mr. Miroslav Lajčák as High Representative in succession to Mr. Christian Schwarz-Schilling;

2. *Pays tribute* to the efforts of Mr. Christian Schwarz-Schilling in his work as High Representative;

3. *Reaffirms* the importance it attaches to the role of the High Representative in pursuing the implementation of the Peace Agreement and giving guidance to and coordinating the activities of the civilian organizations and agencies involved in assisting the parties to implement the Peace Agreement;

4. *Reaffirms also* the final authority of the High Representative in theatre regarding the interpretation of Annex 10 on civilian implementation of the Peace Agreement;

5. *Takes note* of the decision of the Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council on 19 June 2007 that the Office of the High Representative will remain in place and continue to carry out its mandate and that the aim is closure of the Office of the High Representative by 30 June 2008;

6. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

