

RESOLUTION ON BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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The International Democratic Union (IDU) is deeply concerned about the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina regarding the numerous irregularities during the election campaign and on the election day itself, October 7th, 2018, reported by OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) in their Final Report on the General Elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The IDU regrets the deteriorating of democratic development, the ongoing and increasing violation of human rights and political repressions which occurred before, during and after the General Elections.

Therefore, the IDU:

CONDEMNS the blackmailing and pressure on citizens during the pre-election campaign, the failure of authorities to determine irregularities during the election day, the use of public resources for the purpose of obtaining votes;

CONDEMNS biased, one-sided and inflammatory reporting of public broadcasters, which role should be to provide objective and accurate information for citizens;

DEPLORES attacks and repression against citizens and political opposition, restrictions placed on freedom of assembly, thought and expression;

SUPPORTS the proposals for amendments of the electoral law of Bosnia and Herzegovina that would guarantee free and fair elections in a democratic atmosphere;

DEMANDS to ensure the conditions for the public media to act impartially, independently and to truthfully inform the public;

URGES to improve the conditions for an effective and independent judiciary and justice;

INVITES all political actors to focus on political action and agenda to solve the economic problems, to improve the living and working conditions for the people and to combat corruption and criminality.