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The Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights - Secretariat of the Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture and has the honour to inform that the Institution of Human Rights Ombudsman of Bosnia and Herzegovina has been designated as the competent institution for performing the duties of the preventive mechanism for the prevention of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in Bosnia and Herzegovina in accordance with the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

The Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, at the tenth session of the House of Representatives held on 22 August 2023 and at the eighth session of the House of Peoples held on 30 August 2023, enacted the Law on Amendments to the Law on Human Rights Ombudsman of Bosnia and Herzegovina that entered into force on 14 September 2023. The amendments regulate the powers and competences of the Institution of Human Rights Ombudsman of Bosnia and Herzegovina in accordance with article 17 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (The Official Gazette of BiH – International Treaties, No 08/08) for performing the duties of the preventive mechanism for the prevention of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment and punishment in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights – Secretariat of the Subcommittee on the Prevention of Torture the assurances of its highest consideration. BV



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