



## United States Mission to the OSCE

# Statement on Municipal Elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina

As delivered by Deputy Political Counselor Katherine A. Brucker  
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The United States takes note of ODIHR's Statement of Preliminary Findings and Conclusions on the October 2 municipal elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The United States congratulates Bosnia and Herzegovina for the successful conduct of the elections, which were conducted in a generally calm and peaceful manner and without major irregularities. We are heartened that the BiH election authorities have been addressing the handful of cases where irregularities did occur. We also commend Bosnia and Herzegovina for assuming sole responsibility for the organization and funding of the elections.

The United States views the successful conduct of elections as a sign of further progress toward the consolidation of democracy and the rule of law in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The United States would also like to take this opportunity to thank ODIHR for its efforts in observing the elections.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.