



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

STATEMENT

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During the war, in Bosnia and Herzegovina (1992-1995.), hundreds of persons out of 4.4 million people were dead or missing. The

Gender equality is quite important issue today in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Women are more and more aware of their rights and new economic, cultural and private possibilities. Bosnia and Herzegovina on its way to European Integrations developed institutions that are primarily responsible for gender equality, such as Gender Equality Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Gender Centers of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republika Srpska.

On 14th of September 2006, at the 129th session of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Gender Action Plan of Bosnia and Herzegovina was adopted. It is a five-year strategic document, in which all the obligations, set forth in the documents of the United Nations, the European Union, and the Council of Europe, are now vertically and horizontally linked.

The areas of the Gender Action Plan are:

1. European integrations in the light of gender equality
2. Cooperation and capacity strengthening
3. Macroeconomic and development strategies
4. Gender sensitive budgets
5. Political life and decision-making
6. Employment and labour market
7. Social inclusion
8. Gender sensitive medias
9. Lifelong education
10. Health, prevention and protection
11. Domestic violence, sex based violence, harassment, sexual harassment and trafficking in human beings
12. Role of men
13. Reconciliation of professional and family life
14. Gender and sustainable environment
15. Information and communication technologies

We anticipate that in the future Bosnia and Herzegovina will have better possibilities in economic, social, cultural, healthcare and educational aspects both for women and men.

Finally, on this auspicious occasion, on behalf of my Country, I would like to thank you for all the support provided so far, and we hope that it will continue in the future, as we need it now more than ever.

Thank you for your attention!

