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**Letter dated 24 June 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 3 June 2021 addressed to the Secretary-General from Valentin Inzko, High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, announcing the appointment of his successor, Christian Schmidt, by the Peace Implementation Council Steering Board (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex were brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

*(Signed)* Christoph **Heusgen**



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I am writing to inform you that the Peace Implementation Council Steering Board has decided to appoint former Federal Minister Christian Schmidt of the Federal Republic of Germany as the next High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina. Mr. Schmidt will take up his duties as the High Representative on 1 August 2021, upon which my resignation will become effective.

The Peace Implementation Council Steering Board has asked me to inform you of this appointment.

The transfer of duties between Mr. Schmidt and I is planned for 1 August 2021.

Mr. Christian Schmidt is a German politician, with vast experience and knowledge on Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as the wider region. He served as Federal Minister in the German Government and has been a member of the Bundestag for 30 years. I enclose herewith a short curriculum vitae for Mr. Schmidt (see enclosure).

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, the United Nations Security Council and the wider United Nations family for the support and assistance extended to me and to my Office, and I am confident that my successor will enjoy the same support and assistance.

## **Enclosure**

### **Curriculum vitae**

#### **Christian Schmidt**

Federal Minister (ret.), Member of the German Bundestag

- Born in 1957 in Oberzenn (Franconia); married, father of two children
  - Lawyer by profession; University of Erlangen and University of Lausanne
  - Member of the German Bundestag since 1990
  - Currently member of the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs and rapporteur for the Western Balkan States
  - Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture from 2014 to 2018
  - Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development from 2013 to 2014
  - Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Defense from 2005 to 2013
  - Chairman of the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group for Defense, 2002–2005
  - Chairman of the Parliamentary Working Group for Foreign Policy, Defense and European Affairs for the CSU Parliamentary Group, 1991–2002
  - Representing CSU Parliamentary Group in the Western Balkans advisory circle of Chancellor Helmut Kohl from 1992 to 1998
  - President of the German Atlantic Association since 2006
  - Vice-Chair of the Hanns-Seidel Foundation since 2018
  - Treasurer and member of the Presidency of the European People's Party
  - Vice-Chair of the CSU from 2011 to 2017
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