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**Political will exists, but is there a will for compromise to change the Election law?**

The conference, named '' A year after the elections: Is there a political will to change the Election Law? '' Organized by the Coalition for Free and Fair Elections '' Pod lupom '' ended today at the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina without concrete conclusions.

The conference was opened by Head of the OSCE Mission to BiH, Ambassador Jonathan Moore, who referred to the OSCE mission in improving the electoral process in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He particularly pointed out that the Election law should be improved and that IT need more intensive control of political entities. "While in the case of political will can be discussed on its presence or absence, the political responsibility of those who are citizens elected lasts throughout the term. They are responsible citizens who want a better electoral rules, "said Vehid Šehić, President of the Strategic Committee of the Coalition in his opening address. Member of the Central Election Commission Stjepan Mikić, urged political parties to amend the election law in areas in which even they themselves were not satisfied with its implementation, such as when the length of the deadlines for the declaration of the election results.

Martin Raguž, a representative of ZD Parliamentary Assembly stressed out that electoral reform must be a priority. He also warned of the devastating fact that in the City of Mostar not  local elections were not held for 7 years. Lazar Prodanović, representative of ZD Parliamentary Assembly, particularly emphasized the current shortcomings of the Election Law, which are the largest generator of corruption in the country. Halid Genjac, delegate og House of People, Parliamentary Assembly expressed willingness for newly formed IRRG for changes to the electoral law of Bosnia and Herzegovina to include for their work the professional public.

The conference brought together over a hundred participants, representatives of government institutions at all levels of the election administration, international and local organizations, and the media. Coalition '' Pod lupom'' on this occasion presented the publication '' Overview of electoral legislation and segments of the electoral process in the 40 OSCE member states '' that should have legislators in making it more efficient electoral rules.

The coalition also called for an IRRG to urgently and effectively to begin operation in order to work on changes to the electoral and other laws completed before the announcement of the Local elections 2016.