

# ANALYSIS OF THE WORK OF THE INTERIM COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR DETERMINING THE SITUATION IN THE JUDICIAL INSTITUTIONS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

**Summary:** *Investigative commissions established by parliaments represent an important instrument in the functioning of a healthy democracy as well as the supervisory functions of parliament. In cases where established commissions examine the situation in the judiciary, the prescribed rules should be strictly followed so as not to disturb the principle of separation of powers. It is important that the judiciary remains independent, but it is also important that it can be ensured that its actions can be reviewed. Parliamentary commissions of inquiry must take particular care to ensure that their activities do not undermine the independence of the judiciary, including following clear rules for questioning members of the judiciary. In order to preserve the appropriate division of powers, parliamentary investigative commissions should never interfere in their work with investigations or trials that judicial bodies have initiated or will soon initiate. Investigations conducted by parliamentary commissions of inquiry can never be a substitute for court proceedings. The establishment of the Temporary Investigative Committee of the Chamber of Deputies to determine the situation in the judicial institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina caused a lot of media attention. The report on the work of the Temporary Investigative Commission is a concrete document on the basis of which a serious reform could be made in the judicial system in Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to restore the broken trust. Through all of the above, it is clear how important parliamentary investigative commissions are in the supervision of work.*

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