



DECISION ON ADMISSIBILITY

Case no. CH/01/6863

Ramiza MUHIĆ

against

THE FEDERATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

The Human Rights Chamber for Bosnia and Herzegovina, sitting as the First Panel on 3 April 2001 with the following members present:

Ms. Michèle PICARD, President
Mr. Dietrich RAUSCHNING, Vice President
Mr. Hasan BALIĆ
Mr. Rona AYBAY
Mr. Želimir JUKA
Mr. Miodrag PAJIĆ
Mr. Andrew GROTRIAN,

Mr. Peter KEMPEES, Registrar
Ms. Olga KAPIĆ, Deputy Registrar

Having considered the aforementioned application introduced pursuant to Article VIII(1) of the Human Rights Agreement ("the Agreement") set out in Annex 6 to the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina;

Adopts the following decision pursuant to Article VIII(2)(c) of the Agreement and Rules 49(2) and 52 of the Chamber's Rules of Procedure:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The application was introduced on 13 February 2001. The applicant requested the Chamber to order the respondent Party, as provisional measure, to take all necessary action to revoke paragraphs 4,5 and 6 of the Zavidovići Municipality decision of 16 January 2001 under which she was ordered to vacate the apartment with no right to alternative accommodation. In addition, she requested that the Chamber order the Municipality to provide for her alternative accommodation in accordance with the Law on Housing Relations, as she had no place to go. On 3 April 2001 the First Panel decided not to order the provisional measure requested.
2. The applicant complains of a procedural decision of the Zavidovići Municipality ordering her to vacate the apartment with no right to alternative accommodation. She also complains that an appeal against that decision has no suspensive effect.

II. OPINION OF THE CHAMBER

3. The Chamber notes that the applicant was ordered to vacate the apartment pursuant to a lawful decision terminating a right of temporary use. In the light of all the material in its possession, the Chamber finds that the facts complained of do not disclose any appearance of a violation of the rights and freedoms guaranteed under the Agreement. It follows that this part of the application must be rejected as manifestly ill-founded, in accordance with Article VIII(2)(c) of the Agreement.
4. The Chamber further notes that the applicant complains of an interference with her right to alternative accommodation. However, the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms does not contain any right to be granted an apartment. A complaint concerning the right to housing could come within the scope of Article 11 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights ("the Covenant"). However, under Article II(2) of the Agreement, the Chamber only has jurisdiction to considers cases of alleged or apparent discrimination on a wide range of specified grounds in relation to the enjoyment of the rights guaranteed under the Covenant and the other international instruments referred to in the Appendix to the Agreement. The applicant has not alleged that there has been any such discrimination. Neither is it apparent from the facts of the case that the applicant has in fact been the victim of discrimination on any of the grounds set out in Article II(2)(b) of the Agreement. It follows that this part of the application is incompatible *ratione materiae* with the provisions of the Agreement, within the meaning of Article VIII(2)(c), and must be rejected.

III. CONCLUSION

5. For these reasons, the Chamber, unanimously,

DECLARES THE APPLICATION INADMISSIBLE.

(signed)
Peter KEMPEES
Registrar of the Chamber

(signed)
Michèle PICARD
President of the First Panel