HUMAN RIGHTS CHAMBER FOR BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



DECISION ON ADMISSIBILITY

Case no. CH/01/8536

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against

FEDERATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

The Human Rights Chamber for Bosnia and Herzegovina, sitting as the Second Panel on 9 April 2002 with the following members present:

Mr. Giovanni GRASSO, President Mr. Viktor MASENKO-MAVI, Vice-President Mr. Jakob MÖLLER Mr. Mehmed DEKOVIĆ Mr. Manfred NOWAK Mr. Vitomir POPOVIĆ Mr. Mato TADIĆ

Mr. Ulrich GARMS, 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 7 December 2001. The applicant requested that the Chamber order the respondent Party, as a provisional measure, to take all necessary action to prevent his eviction from an apartment located at ulica Nerkeza Smailagića 15/3 in Sarajevo until the conditions are met for his return to his pre-war apartment. On 13 December 2001 the President of the Second Panel decided not to order the provisional measure requested.

2. The applicant complains of a decision by the Administration for Housing Affairs of Canton Sarajevo entitling the pre-war occupant to regain possession of the apartment and terminating the applicant's temporary right to use it.

3. The applicant states that his pre-war house located at Ibrahima Perviza 74, now no. 102, in Sarajevo was demolished due to the hostilities.

II OPINION OF THE CHAMBER

4. In accordance with Article VIII(2) of the Agreement, "the Chamber shall decide which applications to accept ... In so doing, the Chamber shall take into account the following criteria: ... (c) The Chamber shall also dismiss any application which it considers incompatible with this Agreement, manifestly ill-founded, or an abuse of the right of petition."

5. The Chamber notes that the decision to terminate the applicant's temporary right to use the apartment was issued to allow the pre-war occupant to regain possession of the apartment. In these circumstances, the Chamber finds that the application does not disclose any appearance of a violation of the rights and freedoms guaranteed under the Agreement. It follows that the application is manifestly ill founded, within the meaning of Article VIII(2)(c) of the Agreement. The Chamber therefore decides to declare the application inadmissible.

III CONCLUSION

6. For these reasons, the Chamber, unanimously,

DECLARES THE APPLICATION INADMISSIBLE.

(Signed) Ulrich GARMS Registrar of the Chamber (Signed) Giovanni GRASSO President of the Second Panel