



DECISION TO STRIKE OUT

Case no. CH/98/302

Boro ŠKOPELJA

against

**BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
and
THE 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. Vitimir 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(3)(b) of the Agreement and Rules 49(2) and 52 of the Chamber's Rules of Procedure:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The application was introduced on 11 February 1998. The applicant complained that the respondent Parties had enacted laws which retroactively annulled all contracts on purchase of apartments from the former JNA. The applicant concluded such a contract on 7 March 1992. The relevant legislation was subsequently amended so as to allow the registration of ownership over apartments purchased from JNA.

2. On 31 January 2002 the Chamber sent to the applicant a letter by registered mail asking whether the applicant had succeeded in registering his ownership of the disputed apartment. In his letter submitted on 4 February 2002, the applicant informed the Chamber that the case had been resolved in his favour. The applicant considered the matter as resolved.

II. OPINION OF THE CHAMBER

3. In accordance with Article VIII(3) of the Agreement, "the Chamber may decide at any point in its proceedings to suspend consideration of, reject or strike out, an application on the ground that ... (b) the matter has been resolved; ... provided that such a result is consistent with the objective of respect for human rights."

4. Considering that the applicant informed the Chamber that he had finalised his case before the domestic organs in his favour, the Chamber finds that the matter raised in the application has been resolved. Furthermore, the Chamber finds no special circumstances regarding respect for human rights, which require the examination of the application to be continued. The Chamber therefore finds it appropriate to strike out the application.

III. CONCLUSION

5. For these reasons, the Chamber, unanimously,

STRIKES OUT THE APPLICATION.

(signed)
Ulrich GARMS
Registrar of the Chamber

(signed)
Giovanni GRASSO
President of the Second Panel