HUMAN RIGHTS CHAMBER FOR BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



DOM ZA LJUDSKA PRAVA ZA BOSNU I HERCEGOVINU

DECISION TO STRIKE OUT

Case no. CH/99/1423

Savka PARADŽIK

against

THE FEDERATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

The Human Rights Chamber for Bosnia and Herzegovina, sitting as the First Panel on 7 November 2002 with the following members present:

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

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:

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The application was introduced on 8 January 1999.

2. The applicant complained of her inability to repossess her pre-war apartment located at Brčanska no. 14 in Sarajevo.

3. On 7 May 2001, the Chamber transmitted the application to the respondent Party for its observations on the admissibility and merits under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (the "Convention") and Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 to the Convention.

4. On 21 June 2001, the respondent Party submitted its observations stating that the applicant had been reinstated into possession of her apartment on 21 July 2000.

5. On 18 July 2001 the Chamber sent a letter to two different addresses of the applicant by registered mail asking her to confirm that she had been reinstated into possession of her apartment, but the applicant did not respond to this letter. This letter specifically warned the applicant that if she did not respond to it, the Chamber might decide to strike out her application. According to the delivery receipt, the applicant received this letter on 24 July 2001. However, the Chamber has not received any answer from the applicant, and the deadline set for her answer has expired.

II. OPINION OF THE CHAMBER

6. 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."

7. Considering that it appears that the applicant has been reinstated into possession of her apartment, and that she has not replied to the letters from the Chamber, 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 decides to strike out the application.

III. CONCLUSION

8. For these reasons, the Chamber unanimously,

STRIKES OUT THE APPLICATION.

(signed) Ulrich GARMS Registrar of the Chamber (signed) Michèle PICARD President of the First Panel