

DECISION ON ADMISSIBILITY

Case no. CH/01/8535

Hasna MULAOSMANOVIĆ

against

THE FEDERATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA and THE REPUBLIKA SRPSKA

The Human Rights Chamber for Bosnia and Herzegovina, sitting as the First Panel on 5 March 2003 with the following members present:

Ms. Michèle PICARD, President

Mr. Miodrag PAJIĆ, Vice-President

Mr. Dietrich RAUSCHNING

Mr. Hasan BALIĆ

Mr. Rona AYBAY

Mr. Želimir JUKA

Mr. Andrew GROTRIAN

Mr. Ulrich GARMS, Registrar

Ms. Olga KAPIĆ, Deputy Registrar

Ms. Antonia DE MEO, 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 her eviction from an apartment which she occupies. On 10 December 2001, the President of the First Panel decided not to order the provisional measure requested. On 12 December 2001, the applicant requested the Chamber once again to issue an order for a provisional measure. On the same day, the President of the Second Panel rejected the second request.
- 2. The applicant complains of a decision of the Administration for Housing Affairs of Canton Sarajevo ordering her eviction from an apartment which she occupies. The eviction was ordered because the pre-war occupant has obtained a decision entitling him to regain possession of the apartment and terminating the applicant's temporary right to use it.

II. OPINION OF THE CHAMBER

- 3. 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."
- 4. With regard to the two respondent Parties, the Chamber notes that the Administration for Housing Affairs of Sarajevo Canton (Uprava za stambenje pitanja Kantona Sarajevo) responsible for the proceedings complained of by the applicant is an organ of the Canton, the conduct of which engages the responsibility of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, not of the Republika Srpska, for the purposes of Article II(2) of the Agreement. Accordingly, as directed against the Republika Srpska, the application is incompatible *ratione personae* with the provisions of the Agreement, within the meaning of Article VIII(2)(c). The Chamber therefore decides to declare the application inadmissible as against the Republika Srpska.
- 5. With respect to the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Chamber notes that the decision on the applicant's eviction was taken to allow the pre-war occupancy right holder to repossess his 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 this part of 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 as against the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina as well.

III. CONCLUSION

6. For these reasons, the Chamber, unanimously,

DECLARES THE APPLICATION INADMISSIBLE.

(signed)
Ulrich GARMS
Registrar of the Chamber

(signed) Michèle PICARD President of the First Panel