HUMAN RIGHTS CHAMBER FOR BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



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# **DECISION ON ADMISSIBILITY**

### Case no. CH/02/12402

## Zajko KASAPOVIĆ

against

## THE FEDERATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

The Human Rights Chamber for Bosnia and Herzegovina, sitting as the Second Panel on 2 July 2003 with the following members present:

- Mr. Mato TADIĆ, President Mr. Jakob MÖLLER, Vice-President Mr. Mehmed DEKOVIĆ Mr. Giovanni GRASSO Mr. Manfred NOWAK Mr. Vitomir POPOVIĆ Mr. Viktor MASENKO-MAVI
- Mr. Ulrich GARMS, Registrar Ms. Olga KAPIĆ, Deputy Registrar Ms. Antonia DE MEO, Deputy Registrar

Having considered the aforementioned applicationintroduced 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 VIII(2)(c) 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 4 November 2002. 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 which he occupies. On 6 November 2002 the Chamber decided not to order the provisional measure requested.

2. The applicant complains of a decision of the Department for Administration and Housing Affairs, of Municipality Kakanj ordering his eviction from an apartment which he occupies. The eviction was ordered because the applicant's right to use that apartment as an alternative accommodation was terminated as it was established that he did not have right to any due to the fact that he was not displaced person.

#### 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. The applicant complained that he has been denied the right to alternative accommodation. The Chamber notes that he is neither entitled to such accommodation under domestic law, nor does the European Convention on Human Rights contain a right to that effect. As the Chamber has explained in previous cases on this issue, it only has jurisdiction to consider the right to housing, which is protected by Article 11 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, in connection with alleged or apparent discrimination in the enjoyment of such right (see case no. CH/01/6662, *Huremović*, decision on admissibility of 6 April 2001, paragraph 4, Decisions January-June 2001). The facts of this case do not indicate that the applicant has been the victim of discrimination on any of the grounds set forth 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). The Chamber therefore decides to declare the application inadmissible.

#### III. CONCLUSION

5. For these reasons, the Chamber, unanimously,

### DECLARES THE APPLICATION INADMISSIBLE.

(signed) Ulrich GARMS Registrar of the Chamber (signed) Mato TADIĆ President of the Second Panel