



# *The Human Rights Advisory Panel*

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## **DECISION**

**Date of adoption: 11 May 2012**

**Case No. 171/09**

**Nenad MLADENović**

**against**

**UNMIK**

The Human Rights Advisory Panel, sitting on 11 May 2012,  
with the following members present:

Mr Marek NOWICKI, Presiding Member  
Mr Paul LEMMENS  
Ms Christine CHINKIN

Assisted by  
Mr Andrey ANTONOV, Executive Officer

Having considered the aforementioned complaint, introduced pursuant to Section 1.2 of UNMIK Regulation No. 2006/12 of 23 March 2006 on the Establishment of the Human Rights Advisory Panel,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

### **I. PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE PANEL**

1. The complaint was introduced on 22 April 2009 and registered on 30 April 2009.
2. On 23 December 2009 and 12 May 2010, the Panel requested further information from the complainant. No response was received.
3. On 2 February 2012, the Panel communicated the case to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for UNMIK's comments on the admissibility of the case.
4. On 1 March 2012, UNMIK submitted its response.

## **II. THE FACTS**

5. The complainant is the son of Mr Stojanče Mladenović and Mrs Zorica Mladenović.
6. The complainant states that on 30 June 1999, his parents were killed in their house in Novosellë/Novo Selo village, Viti/Vitina municipality, but their bodies were not located at that time.
7. The complainant's complaint informs that the killings were reported to UNMIK. Likewise, the names of Mr Stojanče Mladenović and Mrs Zorica Mladenović appear in the databases compiled by the UNMIK Office of Missing Persons and Forensics (OMPF) and the International Commission on Missing Persons.
8. The mortal remains of Mr Stojanče Mladenović and Mrs Zorica Mladenović were discovered by UNMIK on 4 November 2003 in Gjilan/Gnjilane. They were identified by the OMPF on 1 September 2005 and their remains were returned to the family on 21 September 2005. According to the death certificate issued by the OMPF, the causes of death of Mr Stojanče Mladenović and Mrs Zorica Mladenović were unascertained.
9. On 9 December 2008, UNMIK's responsibility with regard to police and justice in Kosovo ended with the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX) assuming full operational control in the area of the rule of law, following the Statement made by the President of the United Nations Security Council on 26 November 2008 (S/PRST/2008/44), welcoming the continued engagement of the European Union in Kosovo. Between 9 December 2008 and 30 March 2009, all criminal case files held by the UNMIK Department of Justice and UNMIK Police were handed over to their EULEX counterparts.

## **III. COMPLAINT**

10. The complainant complains about UNMIK's alleged failure to properly investigate the killing of his parents.
11. The Panel considers that the complainant may be deemed to invoke a violation of the right to life of Mr Stojanče Mladenović and Mrs Zorica Mladenović, guaranteed by Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).

## **IV. THE LAW**

12. Before considering the case on its merits, the Panel must first decide whether to accept the case, considering the admissibility criteria set out in Sections 1, 2 and 3 of UNMIK Regulation No. 2006/12.
13. The complainant alleges the lack of an adequate criminal investigation into the killing of his parents.
14. The SRSG does not raise any objection to the admissibility of the complaint.
15. The Panel considers that the complaint under Article 2 of the ECHR raises serious issues of fact and law, the determination of which should depend on an examination of the merits. The

Panel concludes therefore that the complaint is not manifestly ill-founded within the meaning of Section 3.3 of UNMIK Regulation No. 2006/12.

16. No other ground for declaring the complaint inadmissible has been established.

**FOR THESE REASONS,**

The Panel, unanimously,

**DECLARES THE COMPLAINT ADMISSIBLE**

Andrey ANTONOV  
Executive Officer

Marek NOWICKI  
Presiding Member