



DECISION TO STRIKE OUT

Case no. CH/98/933

Davorka PETROVIĆ

against

THE FEDERATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

The Human Rights Chamber for Bosnia and Herzegovina, sitting as the First Panel on 9 December 1999 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. Anders MÅNSSON, 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) of the Agreement and Rules 49(2) and 52 of the Chamber's Rules of Procedure:

I. FACTS

1. The applicant is a citizen of Bosnia and Herzegovina. In February 1992 the applicant bought her current residence from the Yugoslav National Army. Recently she approached the Army Housing Fund to secure her rights to her apartment and to ensure that her ownership of the apartment had been recognised. In trying to do so, however, she met with administrative difficulties.
2. On 3 November 1999 the applicant informed the Chamber that she had realised her rights with respect to her apartment and asked to have her complaint withdrawn.

II. COMPLAINTS

3. The application raises issues under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights and Article 1 of Protocol No. 1 to the Convention.

III. PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE CHAMBER

4. The application was introduced on 9 September 1998 and registered on the same day. It was transmitted to the respondent Party on 22 April 1999.
5. The Chamber considered the case on 9 December 1999 and adopted this decision.

IV. OPINION OF THE CHAMBER

6. According to Article VIII(3) of the Agreement, the Chamber may at any point decide to strike out an application on the ground that (a) the applicant does not intend to pursue her application; (b) the matter has been resolved; or (c) for any other reason established by the Chamber, it is no longer justified to continue the examination of the case. In all these situations, however, a decision to strike out an application must be consistent with the objective of respect for human rights.
7. In this case the applicant has asked that the Chamber cease consideration of her case as she has realised her rights with respect to her apartment. Accordingly, the Chamber concludes that the underlying matter has been resolved. In these circumstances it is no longer justified to continue the examination of the case. Moreover, such an outcome would not be inconsistent with the objective of respect for human rights.

V. CONCLUSION

8. For these reasons, the Chamber, unanimously,

STRIKES OUT THE APPLICATION.

(signed)
Anders MÅNSSON
Registrar of the Chamber

(signed)
Michèle PICARD
President of the First Panel