



DECISION TO STRIKE OUT

Case no. CH/01/7411

Dragan ĐURĐELIJA

against

THE FEDERATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

The Human Rights Chamber for Bosnia and Herzegovina, sitting as the First Panel on 7 June 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:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The application was introduced on 18 April 2001.
2. The applicant complained of his inability to repossess his pre-war apartment, located at Ulica Himze Polovine no. 35, in Sarajevo.
3. The application was transmitted to the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. On 14 December 2001 the respondent Party submitted its observations on admissibility and merits of the application.
4. On 16 January 2002 the applicant informed the Chamber that he has been reinstated into possession of his property. However, he maintains his claims for compensation.

II. OPINION OF THE CHAMBER

5. 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."
6. Considering that the applicant has been reinstated into possession of his apartment, the Chamber finds that the matter raised in the application has been resolved. The Chamber notes that the applicant has expressed his intention to pursue the application before the Chamber in regard to the compensation claim. The Chamber observes, however, that it can only award compensation if it makes a finding of a violation of the Agreement. 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

7. For these reasons, the Chamber, unanimously,

STRIKES OUT THE APPLICATION.

(signed)
Ulrich GARMS
Registrar

(signed)
Michèle PICARD
President of the First Panel