SRSG's decision in the complaint of Muharem Ibraj (No. 16/09 and 17/09)

After reviewing the opinion and recommendations of my Human Rights Advisory Panel on the complaint of Muharem Ibraj (complaint no. 16/09 and 17/09), I informed my Advisory Panel, on 3 October 2013, of the following:

- I wish at the outset to express my appreciation for the work of the Panel and for the recommendations it has made in relation to the present complaint.
- With respect to the first recommendation, UNMIK will, as recommended by the Panel, continue to urge the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo ("EULEX"), which since 2008 has taken over all responsibilities in the area of justice and the rule of law in Kosovo, to liaise with the relevant Kosovo authorities to ensure that the complainant's case is decided without further delays.
- In relation to the Panel's second recommendation on the award of compensation to the complainant, I wish to recall that the acts in question relate to activities carried out by the institutions established under the interim administration of Kosovo. As such, had UNMIK continued to have control over these institutions up to this time, I would have been in a position to refer the HRAP's recommendations to those institutions for appropriate action. I am, however, prepared to discuss the possibility of dealing with adequate compensation matters with the relevant authorities at the appropriate juncture.
- UNMIK will keep the complainant and the HRAP informed about further developments in the above matter.

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