



The Human Rights Advisory Panel

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The Human Rights Advisory Panel adopts its 2013 Annual Report

On 14 March 2014, during its 70th session held in Prishtinë/Priština, the Human Rights Advisory Panel (the Panel) of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) adopted its Annual Report for the year 2013. This Annual Report covers the period from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013, during which time the Panel conducted 11 sessions. By the end of the year, there were 185 pending cases, as compared to 270 in December 2012.

Over the course of 2013, the Panel issued a number of opinions, which are highlighted in the Annual Report. They include cases involving allegations of inadequate police investigation in connection with abductions, disappearances, and killings related to procedural obligations under Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights, as well as allegations of violations of Article 3 of the Convention against victims and close relatives.

The Panel's work has been linked to the continuing debate about international organisations' accountability for human rights violations, as demonstrated by the recent resolution related to this question adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in January 2014. The Panel also views its work in the context of the UN Secretary-General's new "Rights Up Front" initiative, which aims to improve UN action to safeguard human rights around the world.

Upon its publication, the HRAP 2013 Annual Report will be widely disseminated in Kosovo and abroad. The report is already available to download in English on the Panel's website, and Albanian and Serbian versions will be added in due course.

HRAP Webpage: <http://www.unmikonline.org/hrap/Eng/Pages/Annual-Report.aspx>