HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY PANEL

The Human Rights Advisory Panel (HRAP) held its third session in Pristina from 4 to 8 February, 2008. It completed its discussion on the Rules of Procedure which were adopted by HRAP on 5 February.

The HRAP delivered its first decision in Case No. 01/06, Mohammad Naeem Tariq, wherein it decided that the complaint was inadmissible. This decision can be viewed on the HRAP Website.

The HRAP continued with its examination of complaints and it sent eleven cases, dealing with issues such as property rights, access to courts and the right to life, to the SRSG with a request that he provide written comments to HRAP on both the admissibility and the merits of the complaints.

The HRAP has also prepared information leaflets which will be distributed in a public information campaign and also an application form for complainants. These documents are currently undergoing translation and will be made available to the public through the HRAP Website and in public buildings and offices such as court houses, municipal buildings, government buildings, legal aid offices and court liaison offices etc. in the near future.

The HRAP also held a meeting with Mr. Joachim Rücker, SRSG, and Mr. Alexander Borg Olivier, The Legal Adviser, on 6 February, 2008.

The next session of the HRAP is scheduled to take place from 10 to 14 March 2008, during which time the HRAP will, inter alia, conduct an interview with UNMIK TV as well as meeting with representatives of NGOs in the human rights sector.

Complaints for the HRAP should be sent to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Advisory Panel, Room 19, Second Floor, UNMIK Main HQ, East Wing, Pristina, Kosovo.

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