HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY PANEL

The Human Rights Advisory Panel (the Panel) held its fourteenth (14th) session in Prishtinë/Priština from 23 to 27 February 2009.

The public hearing in the Mon Balaj et al case, Case No. 04/07 scheduled for 19 March, 2009. The venue for the hearing is currently being considered. A further press release will provide additional detail. During the session, the Panel discussed the protocol, submissions schedule and arrangements for the hearing on the Mon Balaj matter.

The Panel also continued with its examination of complaints and decided to draft admissibility decisions in three (3) cases as well as four (4) inadmissibility decisions in cases on temporal jurisdiction and other grounds.

The Panel also decided to communicate fourteen (14) matters to the SRSG for comments on admissibility and merits in accordance with section 11.3 of UNMIK Regulation No. 2006/12 as well as requests for additional documentation.

The Panel further decided to communicate twenty one (21) letters to parties, legal representatives and agencies/commissions for further information and clarification.

It was also decided that the Secretariat staff should visit the Special Chamber of the Supreme Court of Kosovo on Kosovo Trust Agency Related matters to review case related files.

The total workload of the Panel now stands at one hundred and seventeen (117) cases.

The next session of the Advisory Panel is scheduled from 16 to 20 March, 2009.

Complaints for the Panel should be sent to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Advisory Panel, Room 13, Container D, UNMIK Admin HQ, (TSS), Prishtinë/Priština, Kosovo.

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