

## The Human Rights Advisory Panel

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## **HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY PANEL**

The Human Rights Advisory Panel (the Panel) held its tenth (10) session in Pristine/Pristina from 13 to 19 October 2008.

The Panel continued with its examination of complaints, declaring that two complaints were inadmissible and also directed the Secretariat to communicate nine (complaints) to Mr. Lamberto Zannier, Special Representative of the Secretary General, (SRSG) for observations on admissibility and merits in accordance with section 11.3 of UNMIK Regulation No. 2006/12.

In this general context, a total of eight (8) responses are still awaited from the SRSG in relation to the thirteen (13) cases that were communicated earlier to him in accordance with section 11.3 of the Regulation.

The Panel also sent six (6) communications to complainants with requests for further information and clarification at the conclusion of the session. The workload of the Panel now stands at 56 cases.

The Panel met with seven (7) Legal Officers from the Legal Assistance Program to the Institutions of the Government of Serbia dealing with Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons on 16 October, 2008.

These lawyers are engaged in a project which is implemented by the Danish Refugee Council and funded by the European Union. The Panel provided the participants with a brief on its mandate and engaged in a lengthy question and answer session on its operations with them.

The next session of the Advisory Panel is scheduled for the period from 10 to 14 November 2008.

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

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