SRSG's decision in the complaint of Shaip Canhasi (No. 04/08)

After reviewing the Human Rights Advisory Panel (HRAP) Opinion on the Complaint of Shaip Canhasi (Complaint no. 04/08), the Special Representative of the Secretary-General Farid Zarif, on 27 September 2012, informed the HRAP of the following, in relation to the HRAP's recommendations:

- UNMIK has sent official communications to 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 perpetrators are found.
- In relation to the Panel's recommendation to award adequate compensation to the Complainant, the Panel is aware that current United Nations General Assembly instructions on compensations do not permit the United Nations Organization and its missions to pay compensation other than for material damage or physical harm. Consequently, UNMIK is not in a position to pay any compensation for human rights violations that may have occurred in this matter. UNMIK will continue to draw the attention of the United Nations General Assembly to the need for a review of the current compensation rules, which exclude payment of compensation for non-pecuniary damage.
- UNMIK shall keep the Complainants and the Panel informed about further developments in the above matter.

Farid Zarif

Special Representative of the Secretary-General