DECISION

Date of adoption: 19 April 2010

Case No. 102/09

Slavi MITIĆ

against

UNMIK

The Human Rights Advisory Panel on 19 April 2010, with the following members present:

Mr Marek NOWICKI, Presiding Member Mr Paul LEMMENS

Assisted by

Mr Rajesh TALWAR, Executive Officer

Having considered the aforementioned complaint, introduced pursuant to Section 1.2 of UNMIK Regulation No. 2006/12 of 23 March 2006 on the Establishment of the Human Rights Advisory Panel,

Having deliberated, decides as follows:

I. THE FACTS

- 1. The complainant is the son or Mr Stanislav Mitić and Ms Jovanka Mitić.
- 2. Mr Stanislav Mitić and Ms Jovanka Mitić were allegedly abducted in June 1999 from their home in the village of Mushtisht/Mušutište, Suharekë/Suva Reka Municipality. Their whereabouts remain unknown to date.

II. COMPLAINTS

3. The complainant claims that UNMIK's failure to properly investigate the abduction of his parents constitutes a violation of the right to life, protected by Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and that the mental pain and suffering caused by this situation resulted in a violation of Article 3 of the ECHR, the right to be free from inhuman or degrading treatment.

III. PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE PANEL

- 4. The complaint was introduced on 30 April 2009 and registered on the same date and concerned the disappearances of both Mr Stanislav Mitić and Ms Jovanka Mitić.
- 5. The complainant also introduced two other complaints concerning the disappearance of his parents individually, Case no. 65/09 concerning Ms Jovanka Mitić and Case no. 66/09 concerning Mr Stanislav Mitić. Those complaints were both introduced on 30 April 2009 and registered on the same date.
- 6. A separate complainant introduced two complaints concerning the disappearance and death of Ms Jovanka Mitić (Case no. 63/09) and Mr Stanislav Mitić (Case no. 64/09) as well. Those complaints were both introduced on 30 April 2009 and registered on the same date.
- 7. On 30 October 2009, the Panel decided to join cases 63/09, 64/09, 65/09 and 66/09 pursuant to Rule 20 of the Panel's Rules of Procedure.

IV. THE LAW

- 8. During the course of examining the admissibility of the complaint, the Panel determined that Case nos. 65/09 and 66/09 and Case no. 102/09 were filed by the same complaint and concerned the same incident and the same victims.
- 9. In the given circumstances the Panel considers that the complaint in Case no. 102/09 is the same as Case nos. 65/09 and 66/09.
- 10. As such, in accordance with Rule 29 of the Panel's Rules of Procedure, it is appropriate to strike Case no. 102/09 out of the list.

FOR THESE REASONS,

The Panel, unanimously,

DECIDES TO STRIKE THE COMPLAINT OUT OF ITS LIST OF CASES.

Rajesh TALWAR Executive Officer

Marek NOWICKI
Presiding Member