SRSG’s decision in the complaints of
Božidarka Felegi (No. 32/08), Dragan Piljević (No. 05/09),
Svetlana Marinković (No. 203/09), Velibor Adančić (No. 310/09)

After reviewing the Human Rights Advisory Panel (HRAP) Opinion on the Complaints of Ms. Božidarka Felegi (No. 32/08), Mr. Dragan Piljević (No. 05/09), Ms. Svetlana Marinković (No. 203/09), Mr. Velibor Adančić (No. 310/09), the Special Representative of the Secretary-General Farid Zarif on 21 September 2012 informed HRAP of the following, in relation to the HRAP’s recommendations:

- UNMIK intends to ask the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX), which has taken over from UNMIK all responsibilities in the area of justice in Kosovo, to liaise with the relevant local Kosovo authorities, to obtain assurances that all possible steps are taken for the Complainants’ cases to be decided without any delay.

- In relation to the Panel’s recommendation to award adequate compensation to the Complainants, 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 these matters. 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 matters.