SRSG’s comments on HRAP opinion in the case of Nadica Kušic (case no. 08/07)

After reviewing the Human Rights Advisory Panel (HRAP) opinion in the case of Nadica Kušic, Special Representative of the Secretary-General Lamberto Zannier informed HRAP on 25 May of the following in relation to its recommendations:

- UNMIK will request the European Union Rule of Law Mission (EULEX), which has taken over responsibilities in the area of justice in Kosovo, to liaise with relevant Kosovo authorities in order to ensure that all possible steps are taken to adopt administrative measures necessary for the execution of all Housing and Property Claims Commission (HPCC) decisions without delay.

- Current UN General Assembly resolutions do not allow the Organization or its Missions to pay compensation other than for material damage or physical harm. UNMIK therefore is not in a position to pay any compensation for human rights violations that may have occurred. UNMIK will, however, continue to address the issue with the United Nations Headquarters in New York with the aim of drawing the attention of the General Assembly to this problem, also taking into account of the human rights standards that prevail in the context in which UNMIK is operating.

- UNMIK will also, as recommended by the Panel, inform the complainants and the Panel of further developments in the case.