



The Human Rights Advisory Panel

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HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY PANEL

The Human Rights Advisory Panel (the Panel) held its eleventh (11) session in Pristine/Pristina from 10 to 14 November, 2008.

The Panel adopted its first Opinion during this session based upon the facts and merits of a case predicated on the right to life, enshrined in Article 2 of the Law of the European Convention on Human Rights. The Opinion, in its entirety, will be the subject of a special press release once the Complainant has been informed of the Opinion.

The Panel continued with its examination of complaints, declaring that three (3) complaints were inadmissible and also directed the Secretariat to communicate 2 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 nineteen (19) responses are still awaited from the SRSG in relation to the thirty one (31) cases that were communicated earlier to him in accordance with section 11.3 of the Regulation.

The Panel also sent twelve (12) communications to complainants with requests for further information and clarification at the conclusion of the session. The total workload of the Panel now stands at sixty two (62) cases.

The next session of the Advisory Panel is scheduled for the period from 8 to 12 December 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), Prishtinë/Priština, Kosovo.

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