

**SRSG's decision in the complaint of
Mr. Velibor Jokić (complaint No. 323/09)**

After reviewing the opinion and recommendations of my Human Rights Advisory Panel on the complaint of Mr. Velibor Jokić (complaint no. 323/09), I informed my Advisory Panel, on 17 April 2014, of the following:

- I wish at the outset to express my appreciation for the work of the Panel and for the recommendations it has made in relation to the present complaint.
- With respect to the first recommendation, UNMIK will, as recommended by the Panel, continue to urge the European Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX) and other competent authorities to take all possible steps to redress the Complainant's matter.
- In relation to the Panel's second recommendation that I take appropriate steps towards the payment of adequate compensation to the Complainant for moral damage, I wish to recall that the acts in question relate to activities carried out by the institutions established under the interim administration of Kosovo. As such, had UNMIK continued to have control over these institutions today, UNMIK would have been in a position to refer the Panel's recommendation to those institutions for appropriate action. I am prepared to discuss the possibility of setting up a mechanism to deal with such matters with the relevant authorities at the appropriate juncture.
- As a general matter, the Panel may also wish to be informed that the principal organs of the United Nations have adopted numerous resolutions and decisions which reflect the importance of promoting and protecting human rights, including by the United Nations. The Organization also continues to make changes in order to strengthen its work for the future and within the areas of the United Nations where it can make a difference. In this regard it will continue striving to meet its core mission of protecting people from harm.



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