

**OFFICE OF THE
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Mr. Munib Buljina
Minister of Physical Planning and Utilities
Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Sarajevo Canton

CHR-RRTF-HR/001

Dear Minister Buljina,

I write concerning your letter dated 21 June 2000 requesting a written waiver of the High Representative's Decision of 27 April 2000 that prohibits the re-allocation of socially owned land. In particular, the Canton of Sarajevo requests this office to allow the Canton to transfer 6,281 square meters of undeveloped land to the Municipality Centre.

You wrote that the land was used by Rom. During the conflict much of the Rom housing was destroyed. Subsequently, these inhabitants either received compensation for their private property or were re-allocated state owned apartments. Through a European Union project, The Project for the Return of Romany Minority to the Municipal Centre Sarajevo, Sarajevo Municipal Centre now wishes to construct housing for Rom on that land.

In light of the information you have given, this office authorises the Canton of Sarajevo to re-allocate the aforesaid land to the Municipality Centre for the purpose described above.

Yours sincerely,



Gary F. Collins
Property Team Leader
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cc: Minister Ramiz Mehmedagic
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