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Tuzla Canton
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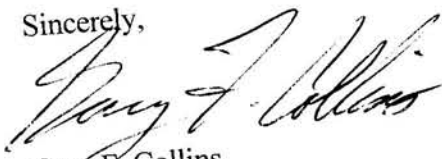
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Dear Mr. Salihovic,

I refer to your letter of 20 December 2000 requesting a written waiver of the High Representative's Decision of 27 April 2000 that bans the reallocation of socially-owned land.

In particular, you request this office to allow the Municipality of Zivinice to allocate 850 m² of land, registered in the land books under number 1662/4, to the "MEMI-ALI" Company for housing/business purposes. You state that the land in question is socially-owned, administered by the Municipality of Zivinice and not a subject to any legal dispute before the responsible court, that the land allocation was advertized in the media and on the municipal public board, and that the selection of the beneficiary was carried out by a three-member commission and based exclusively on the best offer. The land allocation was confirmed by the Municipal Council on 14 December 2000 and approved by Mr. Bajro Besic - Municipal Public Attorney, who states that the responsible authorities have complied with all local laws and regulations. The beneficiary will be registered in the land books as the new user of the land upon the payment of 116 KM/m².

In light of the information you have provided, this office authorizes the Municipality of Zivinice to allocate the aforesaid land for the purpose described above.

Sincerely,



Gary P. Collins
Property Team Leader
Department of Human Rights and Rule of Law