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Mr Atif Džafo Speaker of the Municipal Council Vogošća Municipal Council Vogošća Canton Sarajevo Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Dear Mr Džafo,

I refer to your letter of 13 June 2002 requesting a written waiver from the High Representative's Decision of 27 April 2000 that bans the reallocation of state owned property, including former socially-owned property.

In particular, you request this office to allow the Municipality of Vogošća to allocate by direct agreement two plots of land, registered in the land books as cadastral unit 648/6, called "Ogarica" of undeveloped city construction land, covering the area of 337 m², land record number 810, cadastral municipality of Koševo, and cadastral unit 649/11, called "Ogarica" of undeveloped city construction land, covering the area of 163 m², land record number 4507, cadastral municipality of Koševo, to Investor Šabaredžović Ibrahim from Vogošća, for the purpose of construction of a family house.

The land records that you enclose demonstrate that the above mentioned cadastral numbers refer to undeveloped state-owned city land and that the right of the land use rests with the Hindija Zajo Ajnija, maiden name Sunjo. The previous holder of the right of land use stated in the Minutes of the public hearing number 06-31-391/01 of 21 January 2002 that she agreed with the land allocation to Šabaredžović Ibrahim.

Based on Articles 47 and 48 of the Law on Construction Land, the Municipal Council of Vogošća approved the land allocation in question by its Decision number 01-31-391/00 of 18 January, while the Department for urbanism, spatial planning, communal affairs and construction of Vogošća Municipality issued the urban permit for the proposed construction by its Decision number 05-23-910/00 of 18 January 2001. The Municipal Public Attorney, Mr. Adem Sjenar, who states in his letter number 10-08-89/02 of 9 April 2002 that the allocation in question is in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations, also approved the land allocation in question. According to the Municipal Council's Decision of 18 January 2002 and based on Article 2 of the Decision on reduction of compensation for allocated city construction land and compensation for development of the city construction land for housing, the Investor is exempted from payment of land allocation compensation.

Mr Šabaredžović Ibrahim, son of Rahman from Vogošća, will be registered in the land books as the new user of the land in question upon the enforcement of the Municipal Council's Decision.

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

To the extent that this waiver is granted on the basis of the validity of the documentation you have provided, this waiver shall itself cease to be valid if a court of competent jurisdiction, under a final and binding decision, brings into question the authenticity or accuracy of this documentation, and/or the information that it contains.

This waiver is also granted on the understanding and condition that the beneficiary named above, inasmuch as he himself or his immediate family members are users of abandoned/claimed property, he and/or his immediate family members will, in a period of not more than 60 days from your receipt of this decision, fully vacate this property. In addition, within the period stated, he must provide to your office correct documentary evidence, approved by the relevant housing body, that he himself and/or immediate family members have fully vacated all such property, and that the property remains in a habitable condition. Inasmuch as these conditions are not met, this waiver ceases to be valid immediately upon the expiry of the period stated.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Peter Bas - Backer

Deputy High Representative for Return and Reconstruction