<u>Decision extending the deadline for the enforcement of CRPC certificates related to socially-owned property in the Federation</u>

In the exercise of the powers vested in me by Article V of Annex 10 (Agreement on Civilian Implementation of the Peace Settlement) to the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, according to which the High Representative is the final authority in theatre regarding interpretation of the said Agreement on the Civilian Implementation of the Peace Settlement; and considering in particular Article II.1. (d) of the last said Agreement, according to the terms of which the High Representative shall "Facilitate, as the High Representative judges necessary, the resolution of any difficulties arising in connection with civilian implementation";

Recalling paragraph XI.2 of the Conclusions of the Peace Implementation Conference held in Bonn on 9 and 10 December 1997, in which the Peace Implementation Council welcomed the High Representative's intention to use his final authority in theatre regarding interpretation of the Agreement on the Civilian Implementation of the Peace Settlement in order to facilitate the resolution of any difficulties as aforesaid "by making binding decisions, as he judges necessary" on certain issues including (under sub-paragraph (c) thereof) "measures to ensure implementation of the Peace Agreement throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina and its Entities";

Recalling my Decision of 27 October 1999, in which I imposed the Law on Implementation of the Decisions of the Commission for Real Property Claims of Refugees and Displaced Persons (Official Gazette of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina no. 43/99) which provides inter alia for the enforcement of the decisions of the Commission;

Noting that the Commission has requested an extension of the deadline for the request for enforcement of the Commission's decisions so that all persons have an adequate opportunity to exercise their rights afforded by the same;

Having considered, borne in mind and noted all the matters aforesaid, I hereby issue the following:

DECISION

Article 5 paragraph 2 of the Law on Implementation of the Decisions of the Commission for Real Property Claims of Refugees and Displaced Persons (Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina)(Official Gazette of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina no. 43/99) shall be amended so as to read as follows:

"The request for enforcement of a decision of the Commission confirming occupancy rights must be submitted within 18 months from the date when the Commission decision was issued, or for decisions issued before this Law entered into force, within 18 months from the entry into force of this Law."

This Decision shall come into force forthwith and shall be published in the Official Gazette of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina without delay.

Sarajevo, 28 October 2000

Wolfgang Petritsch High Representative

Office of the High Representative