

# **Addendum to the Orders of November 3, 1998 – 10 September 1999**

## **Brcko Arbitration**

### **Addendum to the Orders of November 3, 1998**

Whereas, new Republika Srpska legislation regulating property and housing issues entered into force after November 3, 1998;

Whereas, certain cases covered by the November 3, 1998, Supervisory Orders have been resolved;

Whereas, certain employees of the multiethnic government have been reluctant to return to properties vacated under the November 3, 1998 Orders, in part because in order to vacate their homes of origin persons who were temporarily occupying them had to be relocated to the homes of other pre-war Brcko residents who may also have wished to return; and

Whereas, the November 3, 1998 Orders have shown the Brcko Department of the R.S. Ministry for Refugees and Displaced Persons capable of ensuring that properties are returned to their pre-war owners when vacant or when used by persons not entitled to use these properties, and that similar results should now be achievable by the application of the relevant R.S. laws;

I hereby rescind the November 3, 1998 Order on Return of Non-Serb Members of the Municipal Assembly, Administration, Police, Judiciary, and Others to their Pre-War Homes of Origin in Brcko.

I hereby rescind the November 3, 1998 Order on Outstanding Cases of Article 17 of the Republika Srpska Law on the Use of Abandoned Property, Internally Displaced Brcko Residents, and Cases of Multiple Occupancy.

Under the authority vested in me by the Final Award of March 5, 1999, I direct that, pending harmonization of property and housing laws in the pre-war Brcko Opstina, the municipal authorities and the Brcko Department of the R.S. Ministry for Refugees and Displaced Persons shall implement the relevant R.S. housing and property laws, with particular emphasis on the resolution of multiple occupancy.

Robert W. Farrand  
Deputy High Representative  
Supervisor of Brcko

**Office of the High Representative**