

Decision annulling the RSNA Conclusion proclaiming a winter ban on evictions

In the exercise of the powers vested in me by Article 5 of Annex 10 to the General Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, according to which the High Representative is the final authority in theater regarding interpretation of his mandate; and considering in particular Art. II.(1) (d) of the same Agreement, entrusting on the High Representative the power to facilitate, as he judges necessary, the resolution of any difficulties arising in connection with civilian implementation; recalling the interpretation of such a power given in paragraph XI.(2) of the Conclusions of the Peace Implementation Conference held in Bonn on 10 December 1997, particularly sub-paragraph (c) thereof, in terms of which the High Representative is entitled to make binding decisions, as he judges necessary, including such measures as needed *“to ensure implementation of the Peace Agreement throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina and its Entities, as well as the smooth running of the common institutions”*;

Noting that the Republika Srpska National Assembly adopted on 10 November 1999 a Conclusion purporting to suspend during the period of 1 November 1999 to 1 April 2000, the evictions of certain persons from the accommodation they are presently occupying.

Considering that the Conclusion is inconsistent with my Decisions dated 27 October 1999

I hereby issue the following

DECISION

The above Conclusion of 10 November 1999 adopted by the Republika Srpska National Assembly is null and void, and shall not be published and implemented.

Sarajevo, 16 November 1999

Wolfgang Petritsch
High Representative

Office of the High Representative