

**OFFICE OF THE  
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Ms. Kana Babic  
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OHR-RRTF-HF/013

Dear Ms. Babic,

I refer to your letter of 23 June 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 Banja Luka to allocate municipal land, registered in the land books under numbers 96/58 and 1185/2 and currently used by the Municipality of Banja Luka, to the humanitarian organization "Protect me" for the construction of a centre for accommodation and education of mentally retarded children. You also state that the land allocation was approved by the Municipal Assembly of Banja Luka at its session of 29 September 2000 and, in terms of compensation and under relevant local legislation, directly agreed between the current user and the forenamed beneficiary, and that, after review by the competent authorities who have complied with all applicable laws and regulations, the land allocation would be in the best public interest.

In light of the information you have given, this office authorizes the Municipality of Banja Luka to allocate the aforementioned land for the purpose described above.

Sincerely,



Gary F. Collins  
Property Team Leader  
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