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Ms. Milanka Zdrale Head of Regional Office for Geodetic, Property and Legal Affairs Pale Republika Srpska

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Dear Ms. Zdrale,

I write concerning your letter dated 22 August 2000 requesting a written waiver of the High Representative's Decision of 27 April 2000 that prohibits the re-allocation of socially owned land.

In particular, you request this office to allow the Municipality of Pale to allocate 13 m² of municipal land - registered in the land books under number 2597/99 (1807/74), located within the Handicrafts Centre "Koran" in Pale, and previously used by the adjoining company owned by Mr. Miodrag Simic, to Mr. Miodrag Simic. You also wrote that this land allocation had already been approved by the Secretariat for Urbanism, Housing, Utilities, Construction and Environment and that Mr. Simic would pay compensation for the land in the amount of 8 KM/m².

In light of the information you have given, this office authorises the Municipality of Pale to re-allocate the aforesaid land for the purpose described above. OHR also uses this opportunity to remind the Municipality of Pale to request an OHR's waiver in the "Jahorina case", as requested in the recent letter from Mr. Morris Power.

Yours sincerely,

Gary F. Collins
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