

**OFFICE OF THE  
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Ms. Milanka Zdrle  
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Regional Office Pale  
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OHR-RRTF-HR/C25

Dear Ms. Zdrle,

I refer to your letter of 6 February 2001 requesting a written waiver of the High Representative's Decision of 27 April 2000 that bans the reallocation of state owned property, including former socially-owned property.

In particular, you request this office to allow the RS Administration for Geodetic, Property and Legal Issues - Regional Office Pale to allocate socially-owned land, registered in the land books as cadastral unit number 923/1, covering the area of 1285 m<sup>2</sup> - cadastral municipality of Hresa, to Mr. Milenko Tanic for the purpose of de-expropriation.

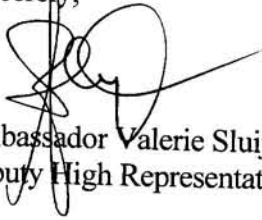
You state in your letter that the land in question was expropriated from Ms. Tanic on 8 February 1977 and that the right of disposal was transferred to the Republican Road Administration - Sarajevo. For unknown reasons, the land books have never been modified, so Mr. Tanic is still registered as the owner of the land in question. The land records that you enclose prove the land ownership of Mr. Tanic and demonstrate that the land in question is pasture and undeveloped.

Deciding on the request of Mr. Tanic, the Republican Road Directorate - Banja Luka, as the legal successor of the Republican Road Administration - Sarajevo, agreed with the de-expropriation and confirmed its position in the letter number 01-345-986/00 of 1 February 2001. The proposed de-expropriation was also confirmed by the RS Administration for Geodetic, Property and Legal Issues - Regional Office Pale and approved by the Deputy Public Attorney, Mr. Danilo Cobic, who states in his letter of 15 February 2001 that the proposed de-expropriation is in accordance with the existing laws and regulations.

In light of the information that you have provided, this office authorises the RS Administration for Geodetic, Property and Legal Issues - Regional Office Pale to allocate the aforesaid land for the purpose described above.

To the extent that this waiver is granted on the basis of the validity of the documentation you have provided, this waiver shall itself cease to be valid if a court of competent jurisdiction, under a final and binding decision, brings into question the authenticity or accuracy of this documentation, and/or the information that it contains.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'V. Sluijter', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ambassador Valerie Sluijter  
Deputy High Representative for Return and Reconstruction