

Property Law agencies urge all holders of CRPC decisions to have them enforced or risk losing alternative accommodation

The international agencies involved in Property Law Implementation remind all holders of decisions issued by the Commission for Real Property Claims that confirm occupancy rights to request enforcement of these decisions immediately.

Holders of CRPC decisions confirming occupancy rights issued before 28 October 1999 must request the housing authorities in their municipality of pre-war residence to enforce the decision by **Saturday April 28** (the actual deadline, April 28, falls on a Saturday, and therefore, if the municipality is closed on April 28, requests can still be filed on Monday the 30th).

Holders of CRPC decisions confirming occupancy rights issued on or after 28 October 1999 must request enforcement no later than 18 months from the date the decision was issued.

The request for enforcement can be submitted either by the occupancy right holder referred to in the CRPC decision, by an authorised proxy or by any persons who are, according to the Law on Housing Relations, considered to be members of the family household of the occupancy right holder, on the date referred to in the CRPC decision.

CRPC has reminded the holders of such decisions of the need to seek enforcement on numerous occasions. No further reminders or extensions of deadlines can be expected – it is time that

holders of CRPC decisions assert their rights under the property laws.

The agencies involved in property law implementation – OHR, OSCE, UNMIBH, UNHCR and the CRPC – warn all of those who fail to request timely enforcement of CRPC decisions confirming their occupancy right that they risk losing their right to alternative accommodation.

The provision of alternative accommodation is only a short-term, humanitarian solution. The agencies also stress the obligation of the local housing authorities to process requests for enforcement appropriately and in a timely manner.