

Clarification to RS CRPC Law

The High Representative, Wolfgang Petritsch, yesterday issued a Decision clarifying the Serbian wording of an article in the RS Law on the Implementation of the Decisions of the Commission for Real Property Claims of Displaced Persons and Refugees (CRPC). The change makes clear that the Municipal Sections of the RS Ministry of Refugees and Displaced Persons (OMIs) are in charge of enforcing CRPC Decisions.

In Article 3, Paragraph 2 of the Law, the words “administrative organ responsible for property legal issues” have been replaced with “responsible body of the Ministry of Refugees and Displaced Persons.”

This paragraph now reads: “The responsible body of the Ministry of Refugees and Displaced Persons in the municipality where the property is located shall enforce decisions of the Commission relating to real property owned by citizens or to apartments for which there is an occupancy right upon the request of a requestor for enforcement.”

This means that the Municipal Sections of the RS Ministry of Refugees and Displaced Persons (OMIs) are responsible for enforcing CRPC Decisions. Persons holding CRPC Decisions, which confirm their ownership of property or their occupancy right to socially-owned apartments, as well as their household members or heirs, are entitled to request the OMI in the municipality where their property or apartment is located, to enforce the CRPC Decision.

The High Representative requests the RS Ministry of Refugees and Displaced Persons to immediately start acting in accordance with the Law. He considers the implementation of the property rights of the citizens of BiH to be of utmost importance for the establishment of the Rule of Law and the future of this country.