January 2003 PLIP Statistics

The resolution of property claims filed with municipal housing offices throughout the country stands at 74% as of the end of January, according to the Property Law Implementation statistics, announced today by the PLIP agencies (OHR, UNHCR, OSCE, CRPC).

The Federation figures show 80% of all cases have been solved, while in the RS the total is 67%. Brcko District has solved 77% of its claims. This rise has been partly influenced by the amended PLIP statistics questionnaire, introduced on 1 January 2003.

Most importantly, the PLIP statistics now include a column showing the date reached in each municipal housing department in its chronological resolution of claims. This will help people know when they might expect their claim to be addressed.

Finally, once again the PLIP statistics show that slower rates of implementation often occur in the larger towns. This is particularly noticeable in the RS, with centres such as Bijeljina and Zvornik 20% or more below the Entity average, and Banja Luka around 15% below the average. Sarajevo municipalities Hadzici, Ilijas and Centar also fall well below the Federation rate of implementation. Smaller municipalities that take excessive time to process even a minimal number of claims can also be noted in both Entities.