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OHR-RRTF-HR/024 Dear Mr. Izetbegovic,

I refer to your letter of 26 March 2001 requesting a written waiver regarding 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 Cantonal Development Institute to allocate 38 plots of socially-owned land in Sip – Betanija, Sarajevo, registered in the land books as cadastral units 591/66, 591/67, 591/68, 558/15, 558/14, 558/13, 558/12, 558/10, 558/9, 558/7, 558/5, 558/4, 558/3, 558/1, 536/3, 536/2, 591/70, 591/71, 591/7, 591/13, 591/76, 591/77, 591/78, 591/79, 591/24, 375/13, 375/14, 375/16, 375/17, 375/19, 375/20, 375/22, 375/23, 375/25, 375/27, 375/30, 375/21, 375/11 – cadastral municipality of Kosevo, to selected beneficiaries, for the purpose of constructing housing and business premises.

You state that the City Development Institute, now the Cantonal Development Institute, was given the right to dispose of the above mentioned land in 1977, on the basis of the contract number 01/3-2-4801-1/77, concluded on 9 June 1977 with the previous disposal right holder - UPI "Zavod za vocarstvo i vinogradarstvo" Sarajevo. The decision of the Municipality of Centar Sarajevo, signed on 19 September 2000 by Mayor Ljubisa Markovic, and the cadastral records that you enclose prove that the land in question is socially-owned, that UPI "Zavod za vocarstvo i vinogradarstvo" Sarajevo is no longer its disposal right holder, and that the new disposal right holder of the land in question is the Cantonal Development Institute. Also, according to the information that you have provided, the land served no purpose in the immediate pre-war period and has always been intended for the construction of housing and business premises. The proposed land allocation was also approved by the Cantonal Public Attorney, Ms. Nermina Zaciragic, in a written opinion, number M-21/01 of 6 April 2001.

The tender for allocation of the above-mentioned land plots was published in daily newspapers "Oslobodjenje" and "Dnevni avaz", as well as on the local TV Station "NTV Hayat". The bids were received for 14 out of 38 offered land plots, while 8 out of 14 bids were deemed satisfactory. According to the minutes of the auction, the beneficiaries' selection was carried out by a three-member commission and was exclusively based on the

highest bid. The selected beneficiaries are: Zdenko Mihajlovic (land plot number 26, bid: 151,900 KM), Edin Balta (land plot number 27, bid: 187,000 KM), Suad Bajramovic (land plot number 33, bid: 155,641 KM), Asim Hamidovic (land plot number 38, bid: 152,783 KM), Sekib Fetahagic and Nedin Mutevelic (land plot number 40, bid: 152,000 KM), Asim Hamidovic (land plot number 44, bid: 151,000 KM), Asim Hamidovic (land plot number 48, bid: 170,100 KM) and Jasmin Osmanagic (land plot number 67, bid: 165,342.50 KM). The selected beneficiaries will be registered as the new users of the land in question.

In light of the information you have provided, this office authorises the Cantonal Urban Development Institute to allocate the aforesaid eight land plots to the selected beneficiaries for the purpose described above.

Sincerely,