

PLIP Statistics for March 2003

According to the statistics announced by the PLIP agencies (OHR, UNHCR, OSCE, CRPC) today, 78 % of property claims have been resolved throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina as of the end of March 2003.

Property law implementation reached 82% in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina; the Republika Srpska resolved 72% of its property claims, while Brcko District reached an implementation rate of 81%. Around 177 000 claims out of the total of 227 598 property claims in the country as a whole have been resolved. As of now, less than 50,000 claims are still pending with the housing authorities.

The PLIP agencies note that as many as 28 municipalities finalized their property claims caseload as of the end of March.

It is fully expected that every municipality across Bosnia and Herzegovina will resolve all property claims before the end of 2003, ending the uncertainty still endured by thousands of people still unable to repossess their homes.

Unfortunately, it appears that several municipalities have slowed down the completion of property law implementation, as, in spite of the chronological requirements, some of these municipalities leave the hardest cases for the end, or simply refuse to resolve the last outstanding claims. The PLIP agencies are concerned about this worrying trend and wish to remind these municipalities of their obligation to complete the repossession process without obstruction.