

Joint Conclusions on Return from Štrpce / Shtërpçë to Ferizaj / Uroševac

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Today the Minister of Communities and Return came together with the Deputy Municipal President of Ferizaj / Uroševac, the MROs of Štrpce / Shtërpçë and Ferizaj / Uroševac, IDP representatives, and representatives of KPA, UNDP and UNHCR to discuss return to the municipality of Ferizaj / Uroševac. All regret that the Municipal President of Ferizaj / Uroševac has been unable to attend the meeting. The following are the outcomes of the meeting:

1. All welcome the dedication of the Minister of Communities and Return to attend this meeting to discuss issues of return with a particular focus on return of IDPs currently located in Štrpce / Shtërpçë to Ferizaj / Uroševac. All welcome his contributions to the discussion and to support the return process.
2. The Ministry of Communities and Return has agreed to support the IDP representatives. The Minister will appoint a person to work with the IDPs on their specific issues. The person will have regular meetings with the IDP representatives.
3. The IDPs have requested that the municipality of Ferizaj / Uroševac investigates the issue of illegal commercial use of the IDPs private property. The Deputy Municipal President agrees to have the municipal government investigate if the task force prepares the appropriate documentation. The Deputy Municipal President has agreed to ensure that the Department of Urbanism will attend a meeting called to discuss this issue when it is organized by the task group.
4. The Deputy Municipal President and MRO of Ferizaj / Uroševac have been called upon by the Municipal Working Group on Return to create a concept document for return from Štrpce / Shtërpçë with particular focus on return to the urban centre of the municipality of Ferizaj / Uroševac.
5. Given that the UNHCR and UNDP are working with a focus on IDPs from Štrpce / Shtërpçë seeking to return to Ferizaj / Uroševac, it was agreed that the two organisations together with the two MROs and Partners Kosova representing CSSP will meet before the next Municipal Working Group on Return to coordinate events, information, and strategy.
6. All thank the KPA for attending the meeting and providing a general overview of the KPA's mandate. It is important that the task force checks the status of each IDP property to identify whether KPA still has obligations towards this property. The status of each property should be added to the joint list.



7. CSSP is conducting two events to support the return process. As requested by the IDP representatives, a small group of IDPs will be given the opportunity to meet with their neighbors in Ferizaj / Uroševac to discuss their return situation. Furthermore, IDP representatives will be given the opportunity to meet with returnees and municipal leaders in Klinë / Klina to discuss the situation of urban return. It was suggested that representatives from Ferizaj / Uroševac also join this event. Both events will be facilitated by Partners Kosova. Both events will take place without any media present and without media coverage. The activities will be coordinated with UNHCR and UNDP in regards to their activities.

The joint conclusions were approved by verbal acclamation at the meeting under the condition that they would be circulated in translation. All present may comment until 30 May 2007 where upon the conclusions become accepted.