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By email and post

Dear Mr Thomas Hammarberg

**Re: Roma IDP camps, Kosovo**

I was kindly provided your details by Paul Polansky, who I know you met with today in Pristina.

As you may already be aware, Leigh Day & Co have been instructed by a number of the Roma people, to pursue a claim for compensation against the United Nations, under the Third-party Liability Resolution (A/RES/52/247).

Despite informing Mr Zannier of our clients' allegations on 9 October 2009, we have received little by way of substantive response. For your interest, I enclose the two letters received to date.

Although I appreciate that the UN is a vast organisation, and delay is no doubt endemic, what is difficult to comprehend is the distinct feeling that our clients are simply being fended off, despite being in such a vulnerable position, living within these horrific camps.

We have written to Mr Zannier again today (a copy of our letter is enclosed) however, unfortunately, I feel it is unlikely we will receive a response.

I am aware of the excellent work you have been doing on behalf of these people and your consistent efforts to close the camps. It is for this reason that I raise this matter with you. As you may already be aware, our clients are utterly desperate for evidence from the UN that their claims are being taken seriously, along with information as to the work being done by the UN to investigate matters, and some form of time frame within which they can expect their case to move forward. Above

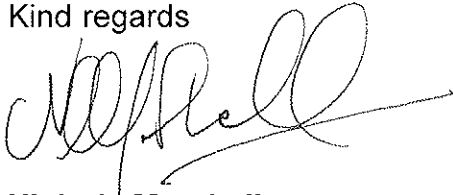
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all else however, they desperately await relocation and medical treatment for the effects of lead poisoning.

If, on your return from Kosovo you feel there is any way in which you would be able to assist us in exerting pressure on the UN in relation to their legal claim, I would be delighted to speak to you.

I look forward to hearing from you and would like to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of our clients, for the exceptional work you continue to do on their behalf.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nichola Marshall', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Nichola Marshall**

**Leigh Day & Co**