



30 October 2009

Dear Sirs,

Reference is made to your letter, dated 9 October 2009, concerning claims for compensation for personal injury allegedly caused by lead contamination in certain camps for Internally Displaced Persons in Mitrovica, Kosovo.

In your letter, you express concern that the United Nations has failed to address claims arising from the camps for Internally Displaced Persons in Mitrovica with appropriate diligence. I wish to assure you that the United Nations takes this matter very seriously. As you are aware, this is a complex matter and the claims involve a significant number of individuals in various locations and over a significant period of time. This matter is currently under review by the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs in consultation with UNMIK.

In your letter, you request a meeting to discuss your clients' claims in order to agree on protocols for their investigation, valuation and resolution. Given that the United Nations' review of this matter is ongoing, we do not think that it would be useful to discuss this matter at this point in time.

UNMIK, in consultation with the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, will revert to you in due course regarding your clients' claims.

Nothing herein or relating to this matter shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including its subsidiary organs.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lamberto Zannier', written over a white background.

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