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05 May 2003

Ms. Tringa Ahmeti Acting Director of Culture and Sport Department in Gjilan/Gilane Municipality

Ex officio No. 27/2003

Regarding

Allegations of destruction and removal of the books in Serbian language from the City Library in Gnjilane/Gjilan

URGENT REQUEST FOR INTERIM MEASURES

Dear Ms. Ahmeti,

This is to inform you that on 2 May 2003 I opened an *ex officio* investigation in the case No.27/2003 regarding allegations of destruction and removal of the books in Serbian language from the City Library in Gnjilane/Gjilan.

Pending my investigation of this case and in accordance with Sections 3.1, 4.1, 4.5 and 4.9 of UNMIK Regulation 2000/38 on the Establishment of the Ombudsperson Institution

in Kosovo and Rule 16 of the Rules of the Procedure for the Ombudsperson Institution in Kosovo, I hereby recommend that you take immediate urgent action to secure all book in the Serbian language currently in the custody and control of the City Library in Gjilan/Gilane and to ensure that no such books are damaged or removed from that location.

In accordance with Rule 16.3 of the Rules of Procedure, I also ask that you inform me no later than Friday, 16 May 2003 of the measures you have taken to comply with this recommendation.

In accordance with Rule 16.4 of the Rules of Procedure, I hereby inform you that the interim measure recommended above should remain in force until I close my investigation or otherwise terminate the case.

I look forward to your response and would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Marek Antoni Nowicki Ombudsperson

cc: Mr. Bexhet Brajshori Minister of Culture, Sport and Non-residential Matters.