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RIGHT OF REPLY

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I would like to comment the statement of the Serbian based NGO Group 484 on ex tenancy rights.

It is a fact that the tenancy right was abolished in all countries of ex Yugoslavia and each of the countries in the region offered a different answer to that matter. As it was never considered as the property right by the layers in ex-Yugoslavia but connected to the right to home as recognized by the EU Chart on Human Rights.

As the answer to the problem of ex tenancy right holders who are refugees, we created a housing care program for all refugees returning to Croatia – a total of 6.400 families have been already provided with and apartment, all together with 2009 target a total of 8,300 families will be provided with an apartment in Croatia.

The problem stated by NGO Group 484 is not connected to this matter and Croatia. It is connected to the ability of the host country – Serbia to provide local integration to refugees who decided not to return. For their local integration a considerable funding is required.