



Conseil Européen des Syndicats de Police

Organisation Internationale Non Gouvernementale au Conseil de l'Europe

Re: SEC.GEN.247/2008

Belgrade, October 13, 2008

**Mr. Thomas Hammarberg
Commissioner for Human
Rights**

Dear Sir,

In reference to the file of the three Serbian Police union leaders of the Independent Police Trade Union (NSP), Mr Zoran Rasevic, Mr Momcilo Vidojevic and Mr Zoran Ilic, members of our organization, matter of which I held you aware of the progress of the procedure.

I inform you that I am at present in Belgrade, with the President of the CESP, Mr. Branko Prah, within the framework of the preparation of the 20th anniversary of our organization and of its 7th Congress which will take place in Novi Sad from 24 to 26 October 2008.

The central theme of this meeting will be: 1988 – CESP – 2008. From a divided Europe to a unified Europe, *"Rights and Duties of the police-citizen"*.

I took note on the site of the Council of Europe of your official visit in Serbia, from 13 to 17 October 2008, of which one of the objectives is to assess the legislative framework as regards human rights and its implementation and relevance in practice.

The program of your visit will focus on the state of rule of law, including functioning of the judiciary, police behaviour, torture and ill-treatment, freedom of expression and of the media, minorities' rights.

You know about the strong implication of the CESP and values that it firmly recommends as regards respect of the Human Rights in the daily exercise of the policeman's profession.

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Besides his duties, the police officer must profit –as any citizen – of the respect of his rights. In this matter, it is to be noted that the rights of the three police officers have been ridiculed and are still not respected.

So, during your visit in Serbia, I am convinced that your high authority could help to free a human situation still deadlocked and sunk into an administrative procedure, the conclusion of which is long and very dubious.

Dear Sir, the Conseil Européen des Syndicats de Police thanks in advance the Commissioner for Human Rights for the attention granted to our request and assures you of its commitment for the respect of Human Rights.

Respectfully yours,

Gérard GRENERON
Secrétaire Général du CESP

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