

## **The letter of the Minister Elisabeth Rehn**

Dear Professor Ramic,

I fully understand your condemnation and protest. In an e-mail letter to Secretary General of ILH on the 20th January 2012, I announced my withdrawal from the honorary status of President of ILH immediately after an award ceremony in Zagreb 24.1.2012, when the Kenyan humanist and Olympic gold medalist Kipshoge Keino was awarded with the Juan Samaranch Prize. The reason why I left the ILH was very simple: I had no influence on and no knowledge of the activities of ILH, only being present at some award events in a formal position.

I have not signed any documents since I left ILH in January.

You certainly know I still give my whole time pro bono for victims of war and conflict, both in my capacity of Chair of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims at the ICC, and in my work enhancing the role of women in post -conflict regions. It cannot be unknown for Bosnian people how sincerely I have worked for the human rights of Bosnia and Herzegovina during my time 1995-1998 as the UN Human rights rapporteur and SRSG for UNMIBH.

If I before leaving my post as President in January have been misled to sign the mentioned award, I deeply regret it and apologize. I have no memory of the signature.

Respectfully,  
Elisabeth Rehn  
Minister