



International Tribunal for the  
Prosecution of Persons Responsible for  
Serious Violations of International  
Humanitarian Law Committed in the  
Territory of Former Yugoslavia since  
1991

Case No. IT-95-14/1-PT

Date: 25 September 1997  
English

Original: French

**IN THE TRIAL CHAMBER**

**Before:** Judge Claude Jorda, Presiding  
Judge Fouad Riad  
Judge Mohamed Shahabuddeen

**Registrar:** Mr. Jean-Jacques Heintz, Deputy Registrar

**Decision of:** 25 September 1997

**THE PROSECUTOR**

v.

**Zlatko ALEKSOVSKI**

**DECISION OF TRIAL CHAMBER I IN RESPECT OF THE MOTION OF  
OF 19 JUNE 1997 REQUESTING SEPARATION OF TRIALS**

**The Office of the Prosecutor:**

Mr. Grant Niemann  
Mr. Michele Marchesiello  
Mr. Anura Meddegoda

**Defence Counsel:**

Mr. Goran Mikuličić

**TRIAL CHAMBER I,**

**Pursuant** to the provisions of Article 21(4)(c) of the Statute and Sub-rules 73(A)(iv) and 82(B) of the Rules;

**CONSIDERING** that Zlatko Aleksovski was indicted jointly with Dario Kordić, Tihofil alias Tihomir Blaškić, Mario Čerkez, Ivan alias Ivica Šantić and Pero Skopljak;

**CONSIDERING** that, in his Motion of 19 June 1997, Defence Counsel for Zlatko Aleksovski requested that Trial Chamber authorise Zlatko Aleksovski to be tried separately from Dario Kordić, Tihofil alias Tihomir Blaškić, Mario Čerkez, Ivan alias Ivica Šantić and Pero Skopljak;

**CONSIDERING** that the Prosecutor, in her response of 8 July 1997, states that she does not object to the Defence request;

**CONSIDERING** that at the hearing of 1 August 1997, the parties agreed that the trial of Zlatko Aleksovski would be separate from the trial of Dario Kordić, Tihofil alias Tihomir Blaškić, Mario Čerkez, Ivan alias Ivica Šantić and Pero Skopljak;

**CONSIDERING** that only one of Zlatko Aleksovski's co-accused is currently available to the Tribunal;

**CONSIDERING** that the Trial Chamber, pursuant to Article 21(4)(c) of the Statute which guarantees that an accused has the right to be tried without undue delay, therefore considers it to be in the interest of justice that Zlatko Aleksovski be tried separately from his co-accused;

**FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS,**

**ORDERS** that the trial of Zlatko Aleksovski be separate from that of Dario Kordić, Tihofil alias Tihomir Blaškić, Mario Čerkez, Ivan alias Ivica Šantić and Pero Skopljak;

Done in French and English, the French version being authoritative.

Done this twenty-fifth day of September 1997  
At The Hague  
The Netherlands

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Claude Jorda  
Presiding Judge, Trial Chamber I

**(SEAL OF THE TRIBUNAL)**