



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-95-14-14/2-PT

Date: 17 December 1997

English

Original: French

IN THE TRIAL CHAMBER

Before: Judge Claude Jorda, Presiding
Judge Fouad Abdel Monem Riad
Judge Almiro Simões Rodrigues

Registrar: Mr Jean-Jacques Heintz, Deputy Registrar

Decision of: 17 December 1997

THE PROSECUTOR

v.

MARIO ČERKEZ

**ORDER TO EXTEND THE TIME LIMIT FOR THE
FILING OF PRELIMINARY MOTIONS**

The Office of the Prosecutor:

Mr. Mark Harmon

Defence Counsel:

Mr. Božidar Kovačić

I, Claude Jorda, Presiding Judge of Trial Chamber I,

CONSIDERING the Motion presented by Mr. Božidar Kovačić, Defence counsel (hereinafter "Counsel") on 5 December 1997,

PURSUANT to Sub-rule 73(C) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence,

NOTING that the initial appearance of the accused took place before the Tribunal on 8 October 1997,

NOTING that, in his Motion of 5 December 1997, Counsel requested that the Trial Chamber order an extension of the time limit for filing preliminary motions on the grounds that the supporting material attached to the indictment was not served on the accused at the Detention Unit in The Hague until 22 October 1997,

NOTING that the applicant has been defending the interests of the accused since 27 October 1997,

NOTING that the supporting material attached to the indictment is unusually voluminous,

NOTING that the accused must be permitted to prepare his defence and that the time limit requested by Counsel appears reasonable,

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS,

ORDER that the time limit for filing preliminary motions by the accused, Mario Čerkez, shall be extended to 23 December 1997.

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

Done this seventeenth day of December 1997
At The Hague
The Netherlands

Claude Jorda
Presiding Judge, Trial Chamber I

(SEAL OF THE TRIBUNAL)