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Case no: IT-96-21-T

DECISION

The Vice-President of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons

Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in

the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 ("International Tribunal")

EXERCISING the functions of the President of the International Tribunal in her

absence pursuant to Rule 21 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence;

PURSUANT to the Statute of the International Tribunal as adopted in Security

Council Resolution 827 (1993);

PURSUANT to the Rules of Procedure and Evidence adopted by the International

Tribunal on 11 February 1994 and subsequently amended;

PURSUANT to the Directive on Assignment of Defence Counsel as adopted by the

International Tribunal on 28 July 1994 ("the Directive") and subsequently amended,

specifically in respect of Article 20(E);

NOTING all the correspondence received from Mr. Mucić in relation to his

complaint, as well as correspondence from Ms Nihada Buturović, the attorney Mr.

Mucić has requested be appointed as his Lead Counsel in place of Mr. Olujić, and correspondence from Mr. Olujić who was also seen by the Vice-President on 4 August 1998, as well as other relevant documentation;

NOTING the Decision of the Registrar determining this matter under Article 20(A)(i) of the Directive dated 27 July 1998;

NOTING the statement of Mr. Mucić that he has lost all confidence in Mr. Olujić, and that he has withdrawn power of attorney granted to Mr. Olujić to act as his Lead Counsel effective 22 July 1998 and requested the Registrar to appoint Ms Nihada Buturović in his place;

DECIDES to allow the request made by Mr. Mucić pursuant to Article 20(E) of the Directive for the President to review the Decision of the Registrar dated 27 July 1998; and

HEREBY ORDERS the Registrar to grant the request of Mr. Mucić to withdraw Mr. Olujić's assignment as Lead Counsel and assign Ms. Buturović as Mr. Mucić's Lead Counsel.

Mohamed Shahabuddeen

Bhir. Gale

Vice-President

Done this 5th day of August 1998 at The Hague
The Netherlands