



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

24 MARCH 2000

Case No. IT-96-23-PT &
IT-96-23/1-PT

Date: 20 March 2000

English
Original: French

THE PRESIDENT OF THE TRIBUNAL

Before: Judge Almiro Rodrigues
Registrar: Mrs. Dorothee de Sampayo Garrido-Nijgh
Decision of: 20 March 2000

THE PROSECUTOR

v.

**DRAGOLJUB KUNARAC, RADOMIR KOVAČ
and**

v.

ZORAN VUKOVIĆ

**DECISION ON THE REQUEST TO REVIEW A DECISION OF THE REGISTRAR
PURSUANT TO THE DIRECTIVE ON THE ASSIGNMENT OF DEFENCE COUNSEL**

The Office of the Prosecutor:

**Mr. Dirk Ryneveld
Ms. Peggy Kuo
Ms. Hildegard Uertz-Retzlaff**

Defence Counsel:

**Mr. Slaviša Prodanović for the accused Mr. Dragoljub Kunarac
Mr. Momir Kolesar for the accused Mr. Radomir Kovač
Mr. Goran Jovanović for the accused Mr. Zoran Vuković**

I, Almiro Rodrigues, exercising the functions of the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (hereinafter “the Tribunal”), pursuant to Rules 21, 22 and 17 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Tribunal,

NOTING the request of Radomir Kovač dated 7 February 2000, for the assignment of Mr. Milan Vujin as lead Defence counsel and the assignment of Mr. Momir Kolesar as co-counsel,

NOTING the Decision of the Registrar dated 14 February 2000, rejecting the assignment of Mr. Milan Vujin as Defence counsel for the accused,

NOTING the “appeal”, that is, the request for review of the Decision of the Registrar of 14 February 2000, addressed to the President of the Tribunal by Radomir Kovač on 28 February 2000,

CONSIDERING that Judges Florence Mumba and David Hunt have withdrawn from this request for review,

CONSIDERING that Judge Richard May is not available,

CONSIDERING that Mr. Momir Kolesar submitted a request for the assignment of Mr. Stanko Bejatović as co-counsel on 8 March 2000,

CONSIDERING that on 11 March 2000, Mr. Momir Kolesar submitted a request for the assignment of Mr. Milan Vujin as *pro bono* Defence counsel and the withdrawal of the request for the assignment of Mr. Stanko Bejatović as co-counsel for the accused,

CONSIDERING the response of the Registrar to the said request dated 13 March 2000, in which she states that she does not have jurisdiction in the matter and that she is not in a position to support the inclusion of Mr. Milan Vujin in the Defence team,

CONSIDERING the letter of the Registrar of 13 March 2000, in which she conveys the request of Mr. Momir Kolesar to Trial Chamber II,

CONSIDERING the Directive on the Assignment of Defence Counsel,

TAKING NOTE of the Decision of Trial Chamber II dated 14 March 2000 wherein Trial Chamber II denies right of audience to Mr. Milan Vujin in the case against Radomir Kovač,

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS,

DECLARE that I no longer have jurisdiction to rule on the request for review of the Decision of the Registrar dated 14 February 2000, submitted by Radomir Kovač.

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

Done this twentieth day of March 2000
At The Hague
The Netherlands.

(signed)

Judge Almiro Rodrigues
Presiding Judge, Trial Chamber I

(Seal of the Tribunal)