

IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before:

**Judge Mohamed Shahabuddeen, Presiding
Judge Lal Chand Vohrah
Judge Rafael Nieto-Navia
Judge Patricia Wald
Judge Fausto Pocar**

Registrar:

Mrs. Dorothee de Sampayo Garrido-Nijgh

Order of:

29 December 2000

THE PROSECUTOR

v.

**BLAGOJE SIMIC
MILAN SIMIC
MIROSLAV TADIC
STEVAN TODOROVIC
SIMO ZARIC**

**ORDER ON MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL TIME
TO FILE ANSWER TO REQUESTS FOR REVIEW**

Representatives for NATO and the relevant States

Counsel for the Prosecutor:

Mr. Graham Blewitt

Counsel for the Accused:

**Mr. Slobodan Zecevic, for Milan Simic
Mr. Igor Pantelic, for Miroslav Tadic
Mr. Deyan Ranko Brashich, for Stevan Todorovic
Mr. Borislav Pisarevic, for Simo Zaric**

THE APPEALS CHAMBER of the 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 ("the Appeals Chamber"),

BEING SEIZED OF the "Accused Stevan Todorovic's Motion for Additional Time to File Answer to Requests for Review Filed by Various States and NATO in the Event that Trial Chamber III Does Not Adopt Plea Bargain Agreement" filed by the Counsel for Stevan Todorovic on 13 December 2000 ("the

Motion" and "the Defence" respectively);

NOTING the "Scheduling Order" issued by the Appeals Chamber on 21 November 2000, whereby the Appeals Chamber granted the Defence as well as Milan Simic, Miroslav Tadic and Simo Zaric additional time until 15 December 2000 to file a response to the written briefs on the review;

NOTING the "Scheduling Order" issued by the Appeals Chamber on 18 December 2000, whereby the Appeals Chamber "gives liberty to the Relevant States, NATO, the Prosecutor and the Defence for the co-accused Milan Simic, Miroslav Tadic, Stevan Todorovic and Simo Zaric, to submit briefs by Wednesday 3 January 2001 as to the effect of the said plea on the continuance of the proceedings relating to the Requests for Review " and "cancels the said hearing fixed for Wednesday 10 January 2001 at 10.00 a.m and reserves further consideration of this matter";

CONSIDERING that the Motion requests, *inter alia*, that "an order allowing for additional time to file responsive briefs and for the rescheduling of oral argument to a date subsequent to a full hearing before a full panel of Trial Chamber III on January 12, 2001";

CONSIDERING that (i) there has already been an extension of time, (ii) the parties, including the Defence, will have an opportunity to submit briefs on the effect of the plea on continuance of the proceedings relating to the requested review of the decision of the Trial Chamber on judicial assistance, (iii) the date of the oral hearing of the review has been cancelled; and (iv) the request for review is under reserved consideration; thus, the substance of the Defence's present Motion on the effect of the plea will have been otherwise attended to;

HEREBY DENIES the Motion, subject to reconsideration in the light of any decision of the full bench of Trial Chamber III on the said plea.

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

Judge Fausto Pocar

Dated this twenty ninth day of December 2000
At The Hague,
The Netherlands.

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