



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

Case No.: IT-96-23 & 23/1-A

Date: 25 May 2001

Original: English
French

THE APPEALS CHAMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL

Before: Judge Claude Jorda, President
Judge Vohrah
Judge Shahabuddeen
Judge Nieto-Navia
Judge Liu

Registrar: Mr. Hans Holthuis

Decision of: 25 May 2001

THE PROSECUTOR

v.

**DRAGOLJUB KUNARAC
RADOMIR KOVAČ
ZORAN VUKOVIĆ**

**DECISION ON THE REQUEST
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT**

The Office of the Prosecutor:

Mr. Upawansa Yapa

Defence Counsel:

Mr. Slaviša Prodanović for the accused Dragoljub Kunarac

Mr. Momir Kolesar for the accused Radomir Kovač

Mr. Goran Jovanović for the accused Zoran Vuković

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 (hereinafter “the International Tribunal”),

NOTING the Request for an extension of the time limit for the appellant’s brief filed by Counsel for Dragoljub Kunarac, Radomir Kovač and Zoran Vuković in English on 18 May 2001 (hereinafter “the Request”),

NOTING the Prosecution’s Response to the Request for an extension of the time limit for the appellant’s brief filed by the Office of the Prosecutor on 22 May 2001,

NOTING the Judgement rendered by Trial Chamber II on 22 February 2001 (hereinafter “the Judgement”),

NOTING the Notices of appeal filed by Counsel for Zoran Vuković and Radomir Kovač on 6 March 2001 and by Counsel for Dragoljub Kunarac on 7 March 2001,

PURSUANT to Rule 111 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence (hereinafter “the Rules”),

PURSUANT to Rule 127 of the Rules,

CONSIDERING that, in the Request, the appellants contend *inter alia* that they have not yet received the Judgement in B/C/S and that, pursuant to Rule 111 of the Rules, the time-limit is to commence on the day of the filing of the B/C/S translation of the Judgement,

CONSIDERING that Counsel for the appellants have already read the Judgement in English and that, consequently, the interests of justice do not justify their not taking any steps to prepare their briefs until such time as the appellants have read the Judgement in a language they understand¹,

CONSIDERING that, pursuant to Rule 127(B) of the Rules, the Appeals Chamber may enlarge any time prescribed by or under the Rules on good cause being shown by motion,

¹ *The Prosecutor v. Dario Kordić and Mario Čerkez*, case no.: IT-95-14/2-A, Decision on motion to extend time for filing appellant’s briefs, 11 May 2001, para. 18.

CONSIDERING that the grounds put forward constitute good cause within the meaning of Rule 127(B) of the Rules in light of the specific circumstances in the case in point,

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS,

ORDERS that the appellants' briefs be filed within thirty days of the filing of the B/C/S translation of the Judgement.

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

Done this twenty-fifth day of May 2000
At The Hague
The Netherlands

(signed)

Claude Jorda
President of the International Tribunal

[Seal of the Tribunal]