



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: IT-95-14/2-A
Date: 18 October 2001
Original: English

BEFORE THE PRE-APPEAL JUDGE

Before: Judge David Hunt, Pre-Appeal Judge
Registrar: Mr Hans Holthuis
Decision of: 18 October 2001

PROSECUTOR

v

Dario KORDIĆ & Mario ČERKEZ

**DECISION AUTHORISING REPLY BRIEF BY DARIO KORDIĆ TO EXCEED
THE LIMIT IMPOSED BY THE PRACTICE DIRECTION ON THE LENGTH OF
BRIEFS AND MOTIONS**

Office of the Prosecutor:

Mr Upawansa Yapa and Mr Norman Farrell

Counsel for the Defence:

**Mr Mitko Naumovski for Dario Kordić
Mr Božidar Kovačić and Mr Goran Mikuličić for Mario Čerkez**

I, DAVID HUNT, Judge 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 International Tribunal”);

BEING SEISED of the “Appellant Dario Kordić’s Application to Exceed, in his Reply Brief, Page Limits of Practice Direction on the Length of Briefs and Motions” filed by Dario Kordić on 16 October 2001 (“the Motion”), seeking a 60 pages extension of the page limit to file its Reply Brief to the Respondent’s Brief;

NOTING that the Prosecution stated orally that it does not oppose the Motion;

NOTING that paragraph (C)1(c) of the Practice Direction on the Length of Briefs and Motions (IT/184) of 19 January 2001 (“the Practice Direction”) provides that “[t]he reply brief of an appellant in an appeal from a final judgement of a Trial Chamber will not exceed 30 pages or 9,000 words, whichever is greater”;

NOTING that the Prosecution filed its consolidated Respondent’s Brief under Rule 112 of the Rules comprising 287 pages on 1 October 2001;

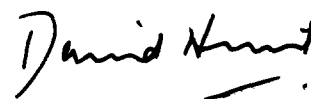
NOTING that the Motion submits, *inter alia*, that an extension of the page limit is necessary to give adequate consideration to the several issues raised in the Respondent’s Brief;

CONSIDERING in particular that, under paragraph (C)7 of the Practice Direction, the Appeals Chamber may give authorisation to a party to exceed the specified page-limit if there are exceptional circumstances;

FINDING that there are exceptional circumstances for giving such authorisation in this case;

HEREBY DECIDE to grant the Motion.

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



Judge David Hunt
Pre-Appeal Judge

Dated this 18th day of October 2001,
At The Hague,
The Netherlands.

[Seal of the Tribunal]