

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-02-54-T

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IN THE TRIAL CHAMBER

Before:

Judge Richard May, Presiding

Judge Patrick Robinson Judge O-Gon Kwon

Registrar:

Mr. Hans Holthuis

Order of:

17 April 2002

PROSECUTOR

V.

SLOBODAN MILOŠEVIĆ

DECISION ON PROSECUTION'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF LIMIT OF LENGTH OF PRE-TRIAL BRIEF

The Office of the Prosecutor

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Slobodan Milošević

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THIS TRIAL 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 ("International Tribunal"),

BEING SEISED of the "Prosecution's Motion for Extension of Limit of Length of Pre-Trial Brief", filed by the Office of the Prosecutor ("Prosecution") on 11 April 2002 ("the Motion"), in which it seeks permission to file a pre-trial brief of 300 pages,

NOTING that the "Practice Direction on the Length of Briefs and Motions" ("the Practice Direction") issued by the President of the International Tribunal on 19 January 2001, as revised on 5 March 2002, requires that a party must seek authorisation in advance from the Chamber to exceed the page limits set down in the Practice Decision and must provide an explanation of the exceptional circumstances that necessitate the oversized filing,

NOTING the Prosecution's desire to maintain a consistent approach between the Bosnia part of this case and the *Plavšić* and *Krajišnik* case,

CONSIDERING that this case covers an exceptionally broad range of crimes alleged to have been committed by the accused, that the accused is alleged to have held a high level of responsibility, and that the case is complex,

CONSIDERING also that the list of witnesses and summary of testimony and the list of exhibits required pursuant to Rule 65 *ter* (E) of the Rules are not subject to the provisions of the Practice Direction,

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FINDING that exceptional circumstances exist that justify a further increase in the length of the pre-trial brief,

PURSUANT TO Rules 65 ter and 73 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the International Tribunal,

HEREBY GRANTS permission for the Prosecution to file a pre-trial brief of no more than 300 pages, and appendices of no more than 150 pages.

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

Richard May Presiding Judge

Dated this seventeenth day of April 2002 At The Hague The Netherlands

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