

# UNITED NATIONS



International Tribunal for the

Prosecution of Persons

Responsible for Serious Violations of

International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of

Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Case No.

IT-99-36-T

Date:

25 April 2002

Original:

English

## IN TRIAL CHAMBER II

**Before:** 

Judge Wolfgang Schomburg, Presiding Judge, Trial

Chamber II

Registrar:

Mr. Hans Holthuis

**Decision of:** 

25 April 2002

**PROSECUTOR** 

V.

RADOSLAV BRĐANIN and MOMIR TALIĆ

#### ORDER REGARDING TRIAL SCHEDULE

### The Office of the Prosecutor:

Ms. Joanna Korner Mr. Andrew Cayley

#### Counsel for the Accused:

Mr. John Ackerman and Ms. Tanja Radosavljević, for Radoslav Brđanin Mr. Xavier de Roux and Ms. Natacha Fauveau-Ivanović, for Momir Talić

25 April 2002

I Judge Wolfgang Schomburg, Presiding Judge of Trial Chamber II 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 Tribunal"):

**BEING SEISED OF** the "Joint Motion to Disqualify the Trial chamber Hearing the Brdanin-Talić Trial" ("Motion") filed on 25 April 2002;

**NOTING** that Rule 15 (B) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Tribunal provides that "Any party may apply to the Presiding Judge of a Chamber for the disqualification and withdrawal of a Judge of that Chamber from a trial or appeal upon the...(grounds specified in Rule 15 (A)). The Presiding Judge shall confer with the Judge in question, and if necessary the Bureau shall determine the matter. If the Bureau upholds the application, the President shall assign another Judge to sit in place of the disqualified Judge...";

**NOTING** that it is necessary to confer with the Judges in question before deciding whether the Bureau shall determine the matter;

**NOTING** that the second paragraph 17 in the Motion requests that "(t)his proceeding must be adjourned until the matters raised by this Motion have been fully determined...";

**NOTING** that time is of the essence before today's hearing starts;

**NOTING** that additional investigations have to be carried out before deciding upon the request for assigning this motion to the Bureau and before deciding upon the merits of the Motion;

**BALANCING** the interests of the parties against the need to proceed to trial and, in particular, taking into account the interests of the witnesses to be heard as scheduled;

**HEREBY DECIDE**, on a provisional basis that the proceedings may go on until further order and that the parties are, therefore, required to attend court today at 2:15 as scheduled;

**HEREBY** requests, pursuant to Rule 54 and, adopting the procedure laid down in Rule 65 *ter* (I), the parties to attend a hearing in my private room in the absence of the accused and in the absence of the Judges comprising the Bench in the Brdanin & Talić case on Friday 26 April 2002 at 9:30 am (Room M 149). Minutes of the meeting will be taken by a representative of the Registry;

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

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2002,

At The Hague

The Netherlands

W. I homby

Wolfgang Schomburg

**Presiding Judge** 

**Trial Chamber II** 

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