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Case No.: IT-95-14-A

IN THE APPEALS CHAMBER

Before:

Judge Fausto Pocar, Pre-Appeal Judge

Registrar:

Mr. Hans Holthuis

Decision of:

26 April 2002

PROSECUTOR

v.

TIHOMIR BLAŠKIĆ

DECISION ON THE APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND PAGE LIMITS RE APPELLANT'S REPLY BRIEF

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I, Fausto Pocar, Pre-Appeal Judge in the present case,

BEING SEIZED OF the "Appellant's Motion for Extension of Time and Page Limits re Appellant's Reply Brief" ("Motion"), filed on 24 April 2002, which seeks both an extension of time for the filing by the Appellant of his Brief in Reply pursuant to Rule 113 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the International Tribunal ("Rules"), and leave to

exceed the page limit for the Brief in Reply set by the Practice Direction (IT/184 Rev.1),

RECALLING the "Decision on Prosecution's Request for an Extension of time and for Authorisation to Exceed the Page Limit for its Response to the Appellant's Brief", issued by me on 29 January 2002, where it was ordered that the Respondent's Brief be filed by 30 April 2002, not exceeding the enlarged page limit of 300 pages, and the Brief in Reply be

filed by 15 May 2002,

CONSIDERING that the Prosecution has yet to file its Respondent's Brief, and the requests as contained in the Motion, together with any supporting arguments, can only be properly made *after* the Respondent's Brief is filed,

CONSIDERING, therefore, that the Motion has been filed prematurely and its filing amounts to an abuse of process,

PURSUANT TO Rule 107 and Rule 65ter of the Rules,

HEREBY DISMISS the Motion.

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

Fausto Pocar Pre-Appeal Judge

Done this twenty-sixth day of April 2002 At The Hague, The Netherlands.

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