UNITED NATIONS

International Tribunal for the

Prosecution of Persons

Responsible for Serious Violations of

International Humanitarian Law

Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Committed in the Territory of

Case No.

IT-95-13/1-PT

Date:

25 July 2002

Original:

English

IN TRIAL CHAMBER II

Before:

Judge Wolfgang Schomburg, Presiding

Judge Florence Ndepele Mwachande Mumba

Judge Carmel Agius

Registrar:

Mr. Hans Holthuis

Decision of:

25 July 2002

PROSECUTOR

v.

MILE MRKŠIĆ

ORDER TO HOLD PRE-TRIAL MOTIONS IN ABEYANCE

The Office of the Prosecutor:

Ms. Hildegard Uertz - Retzlaff

Mr. Mark J. McKeon

Counsel for the Accused:

Mr. Miroslav Vasić

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TRIAL CHAMBER II ("the 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 ("the Tribunal");

NOTING that the initial Indictment against Mile Mrkšić ("the Accused") was confirmed by Judge

Fouad Riad on 7 November 1995;

NOTING the "Order Granting Leave for Amendment of the Indictment" issued on 28 November

1997;

NOTING the Amended Indictment against the Accused issued on 2 December 1997;

NOTING the "Defense Preliminary Motion" ("Defence Motion") filed on 15 July 2002 challenging

the defects in the form of the Amended Indictment;

NOTING the Prosecution's "Motion to Hold Pre-Trial Motions in Abeyance" ("Prosecution's

Motion) filed on 18 July 2002, requesting the Trial Chamber to order filings of motions and

responses by all parties be held in abeyance;

CONSIDERING that the Prosecution intends to file an application for leave to amend the

Indictment:

PURSUANT TO Rule 54 of the Rules;

ORDERS that in the interests of justice and to avoid duplication of pre-trial motions by the parties,

filings of motions and responses by all parties be held in abeyance pending the filing of a motion for

leave to amend the indictment by the Prosecution.

Wolfgang Schomburg

Presiding Judge

Dated this twenty -fifth day of July 2002,

At The Hague

The Netherlands

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